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Subject: HR4575

Dear Regulatory Reform Committee,

I'm writing to express my opposition to HR4575 which, I understand, will prohibit local city governments from banning natural gas appliances in new and existing residential buildings. I oppose this bill since:

- I support local government regulatory controls,
- Natural gas emits greenhouse gases and carbon emissions. Electricity can be supplied with renewable energies and is one of the best routes to reducing carbon from buildings,
- The bill makes sense no sense since cities can't currently enact a ban on natural gas. The bill, as drafted, might actually limit cities ability to adopt more aggressive building codes in the future and/or limit work on building electrification in pretty significant and unintended ways.
- Using natural gas appliances in homes has a significant impact on human health. Here is a link from the National Asthma Council that discusses how gas appliances can be harmful to children with asthma. <https://www.nationalasthma.org.au/living-with-asthma/resources/patients-carers/factsheets/gas-stoves-and-asthma-in-children>.

My health is important to me, my children and my grandchildren. As of now, Ann Arbor, where I live, has no plan to ban natural gas– but the city government is working on efforts to get more stringent building codes in place and to encourage renovations and retrofits to replace natural gas appliances with electric appliances. This bill could make that work harder. I hope as representatives of the citizen of Michigan you do not ban local city governments from having the ability to protect the public health, safety, and the general welfare of the general public.

Sincerely,
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