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Dear Energy Utilities & Telecommunications Committee Members,

I am writing in protest of Senate Bill No. 24. I am concerned with the implications of this bill, specifically that it would not allow for a future ban against natural gas once clean energy alternatives have been well established. According to the bill's supplemental note, "the proponents stated these types of bans on certain types of energy sources are a shortsighted attempt toward clean energy and ultimately, will hinder a city's ability to reduce emissions while removing a reliable, low-cost energy option." It seems to me instead that this bill is short-sighted and will hinder future attempts to sustain a community powered by clean energy. One day we might have to ban natural gas in order to improve the overall health and wellbeing of your constituents, and this bill makes that impossible.

In addition, the proponents of this bill suggest that natural gas is a cheaper option for low-income citizens, when research suggests that the cost of natural gas will continue to rise while clean energy costs will decrease. But the utility companies will continue to profit off the use of natural gas even as it becomes more and more expensive and damaging for your constituents. A future ban against natural gas might be the only effective way to get them to switch to clean energy, which will be to everyone's benefit.

I implore you to reconsider voting for this bill and to vote against it in order to insure the health and security of your constituents, myself included.

Sincerely,

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