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TAKE ACTION TO FIGHT GAS BANS

Some people in Eugene, Oregon want to force communities to rely only on electricity. We disagree. We support diversified energy systems – safeguarding affordability, reliability and using the existing systems already in place to decarbonize our energy supply.

The Eugene City Council is considering a ban on natural gas and renewable natural gas in all new homes and buildings. You may express your thoughts to the city council by emailing them at mayorcouncilandcitymanager@eugene-or.gov; sample text to use is below (for both Eugene Members and non-Eugene Members). Please feel free to add a personal story of your career, resiliency when the power is out, or innovation.

Please send the emails below ASAP and definitely by April 12, 2022.

If you would like to know more about what is happening in Eugene, learn more and take more actions [here](#).

FOR EUGENE UA MEMBERS—SAMPLE TEXT (Send email to mayorcouncilandcitymanager@eugene-or.gov)

Dear Eugene City Council,

As a Eugene resident and as a UA Local 290 Union Member, I'm writing to ask you to talk with our members and workers as you consider energy and buildings policy that will affect all of the people and businesses in Eugene.

As a Union worker, I'm proud to take part in the transition to a carbon-neutral future because the pipes that are part of the projects our members work on can and are carrying renewables the same way electrical wires do. Renewable natural gas and renewable hydrogen are part of the future in other countries, it's time for Oregon to catch up.

I know the efficiency of different energy systems and from my front-line view: we need carbon reduction that is based in resiliency. We also need the competition and innovation that comes with two energy systems. Competition in markets is a good thing, especially for prices. We can fully decarbonize both energy systems more affordably with innovation and partnership. As I watch housing prices continue to rise in Eugene, I know that even though I have a great job with benefits, my generation and the next generation of workers is being priced out of living in Eugene, please do not add to the problem with forced electrification for new buildings.

Finally, as a professional in the field of energy, I understand the efficiency of the gas system and I know that having two energy systems is better than one. As your resident, I want energy choice so that I can make sure my home is resilient, even when the power is out.

Again, I ask that you talk with us and learn more from us as you consider policy ideas that affect the entire community and our jobs.

Thank you for your time,

(SIGN NAME)

FOR UA MEMBERS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF EUGENE—SAMPLE TEXT (Send email to mayorcouncilandcitymanager@eugene-or.gov)

Dear Eugene City Council,

I'm a UA 290 Member who works on the energy system, and while I may live outside of Eugene City limits, I'm an essential part of making sure your residents and businesses have the energy they need each day.

As a Union worker, I'm proud to take part in the transition to a carbon-neutral future because the pipes that are part of the projects I work on can and are carrying renewables the same way electrical wires do. Renewable natural gas and renewable hydrogen are part of the future in other countries, it's time for Oregon to catch up.

Before you make decisions that affect all of us as workers as well as affordability for your entire community, I am asking that you talk with us and learn from us. We want to talk with you about carbon reduction based on resiliency and we know it's going to take innovation and collaboration, not gas bans and forced electrification.

Thank you for your consideration,

(SIGN NAME)