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Subject: written comments expressing opposition to HB4575

Dear Clerk Wingrove, Chair Hauck, members of the Regulatory Reform Committee, and Rep. Rabhi,

I'm writing to express opposition to HB4575 which would prohibit local municipalities from banning natural gas appliances.

While I'm not aware of any municipalities in Michigan that have planned to implement a ban on natural gas appliances, it would be very harmful to restrict local governments ability to regulate natural gas appliances.

I recently learned that natural gas appliances, especially gas stoves, in the home create indoor air pollutants that significantly degrade indoor air quality which negatively impacts human health. In fact, apparently using a natural gas stove can create indoor air quality that would be considered illegal if it was outdoors! They also create additional safety risks such as fire and carbon monoxide.

Furthermore, in order to have any hope of preventing catastrophic climate change, we will eventually need to stop burning natural gas and switch to electric appliances that are powered by clean, renewable electricity. Burning natural gas creates greenhouse gas emissions that are contributing to climate change. It does not make any sense to take control away from municipalities that are tasked with and working towards reducing local greenhouse gas emissions.

I urge you to vote against this legislation.

Thank you,
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