

Chair Marsh and members of the legislative task force:

I am 52 years a resident of NW Portland. We have three upper teen-aged grandchildren who are aware of the lethal threat of global warming are actively demanding that we lower the human release of GHG to zero as soon as possible and then lower the GHG to 350 parts per million so that life on our earth can survive. GHG from our homes and buildings is second to that from transportation. Fugitive methane, many times more potent as CO2 is lost in drilling and in pipelines to the final burning in appliances.

Methane gas service must be stopped for new construction where electricity is less expensive at installation and in use, permits healthier indoor air, and makes possible double use of heat pumps for air conditioning.

In established buildings replacement of methane gas appliances with electric ones will need to be required. In cases of major renovation it is so important that it should be subsidized to encourage the change because of reduction of global warming and the creation of healthier indoor air.

There will still be plumbing jobs but gradually fewer in methane gas installation and repair. As with other commercial areas when a society needs to reduce or eliminate an activity and the jobs associated with it, there needs to be investment in career change subsidy.

Thank you for considering my requests.

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