

Submitter: Devon Lawson-McCourt

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3152

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Bobby Levy and Emerson Levy, and members of the Committee.

I am writing in strong support of HB3016, which aims to ensure that the regulations, rules, and orders of the Public Utility Commission align with the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and do not impede the timely and equitable implementation of these goals.

I believe it is imperative that we take swift and decisive action to address the pressing issue of climate change. This bill represents a significant step forward in our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect our environment for future generations.

I strongly believe that it is the duty of the state to protect residential utility customers from the risks of stranded fossil fuel assets and potential increases in energy burden while achieving the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. This bill achieves that aim by prohibiting the use of funding from ratepayers to provide incentives or subsidies for the purchase or installation of gas appliances or devices for use by residential utility customers or line extension allowances for new gas line extensions that support the use of gas in residential buildings.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB3016. It is time for us to take bold action to address the climate crisis and protect the well-being of our communities. Thank you for your consideration.