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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3152

I am writing to support HB3152. Utilities need a strong Public Utility Commission (PUC) to monitor them.

Using so-called “natural” gas or methane is too expensive, too volatile and too damaging to use in our homes and buildings. Methane is about 83 times more potent than CO2 over a twenty-year time frame. Studies show that natural gas is just as dirty as coal when accounting for the methane leaks. A study from Stanford shows that natural gas leaks from our kitchen stoves even when they are turned off.

Electrification will make our homes and buildings cleaner and more affordable. I moved into an all-electric home in the Portland area about four years ago and appreciate it very much. Cooking on an induction stove is much better and healthier.

Climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe said it very clearly. “The planet is warming, humans are responsible and to fix this thing we have to wean ourselves off fossil fuels as soon as possible.” I support everything the PUC can do to make this energy transition just and timely.