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Dear Public Utilities Commission,

In the interest of protecting our public health, preserving our environment, and maintaining a stable, reliable energy supply for all Rhode Islanders, we must act quickly to transition Rhode Island off fossil fuels. This includes halting the construction of any new gas infrastructure as soon as possible and rapidly promoting the installation of electric heat pumps, water heaters, and cooking equipment. These electric alternatives are effective and cost-competitive replacements for gas furnaces and appliances. For instance, electric heat pumps are up to 4 times more efficient than gas furnaces. They can also run off renewable electricity, which makes up a rapidly increasing proportion of Rhode Island's electricity supply. (In fact, Rhode Island is now on track to use 100% renewable electricity by 2033.)

Electric appliances and heating are not only cleaner, but with domestic, renewable electricity, they will allow us to break free of our dependence on corrupt petrostates. For instance, Russia's invasion of Ukraine sent oil and gas prices skyrocketing this year. Fossil fuel prices increase regardless of whether the gas was produced domestically or internationally, since, as a global commodity, gas prices will always be subject to the whims of petrostate dictators. Renewable energy, produced in the US, is the only true way to ensure price stability for our energy supply.

To mitigating global warming, clean up the air we breathe, and ensure true energy independence, we must rid ourselves of our dependence on natural gas and transition to an economy powered by domestic, renewable electricity as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
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