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The Honorable Ben Allen
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities & Communications
1021 O Street, Suite 3550
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RE: AB 2313 (Berman) - The Home Energy Choice Act - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Allen,

On behalf of the **75** undersigned organizations, we write to express our support for AB 2313 (Berman), the Home Energy Choice Act, which will offer Californians the option to voluntarily transition to clean, electric appliances rather than having their aging gas service pipelines

replaced by default. By redirecting funds that gas utilities would otherwise spend on replacing gas service lines, the Home Energy Choice Act will reduce barriers to electrification, further California's public health, air quality and climate objectives, and reduce risk for all gas customers.

Gas service lines are the pipelines that connect a gas main pipeline running down a street to individual buildings. Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) replaces approximately 15,000 gas service lines each year, the vast majority of which connect to a single home. Utilities profit off of gas service line replacements, the costs of which are paid for by all gas customers in their gas bills over 55 to 60 years. This means that a gas service line replaced today would not be paid off until after 2080, decades after California's 2045 carbon neutrality target, creating significant risks the pipeline will no longer be needed before it is fully paid off.

Similar to a program already being implemented in New York,¹ the Home Energy Choice Act would require gas utilities to offer customers facing a service line replacement an incentive to replace their gas appliances with electric alternatives instead. The service line could then be decommissioned rather than replaced.

Participation is entirely voluntary. Eligible gas customers would simply have the option to take advantage of monetary incentives to help them upgrade their home with modern electric appliances like heat pumps and realize the health and safety benefits of improved indoor air quality and access to cooling. All gas customers would benefit by avoiding the significant stranded asset risks of continued long-term capital investments in the gas system. Additional provisions, including outreach requirements to customers in Disadvantaged Communities and coordination with low-income efficiency and electrification programs will help ensure sufficient resources are available to enable participation by all eligible customers.

The Home Energy Choice Act represents a thoughtful and customer-centric step toward a more affordable, equitable, and climate-ready energy system for all Californians. We support this important legislation by Assemblymember Berman. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

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¹ Con Edison - Energy Exchange Program: <https://www.coned.com/en/save-money/rebates-incentives-tax-credits/rebates-incentives-tax-credits-for-residential-customers/energy-exchange>

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