

## **Testimony in support of S2354: Senate Resolution to Terminate Gas Line Extension Allowances**

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To Chair Sosnowski and the honorable Members of the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee:

When will we ever stop incentivizing “natural” gas?

According to the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council’s 2025 Climate Action Strategy there needs to be a reduction in the use of gas for home heating in order to meet the State’s 2030, 2040, and 2050 emissions reduction requirements.

Globally, 95% of recent new energy generation is from solar, wind and batteries; in the U.S., it has been 91% in the first half of 2025<sup>1</sup>.

Nobody in their sane mind installs new fossil-based energy anymore—its just too expensive.

Consequently, the logical action is to disincentivize gas and to further incentivize renewable energy to speed-up the renewables transition.

I support the resolution, because it stops incentivizing the wrong energy and honors the fact that we need to get out of gas as fast as possible.

I have no problem to pay my share to incentivize renewables, but I have a big problem with paying for allowances for more gas infrastructure and future stranded assets that will be left to be bailed out by the tax payers, while the executives of the fossil fuel industry enjoy their outrageously high bonuses.

Please bring the resolution to a vote in 2026.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Senator DiMario for introducing this important bill.



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<sup>1</sup> Euan Graham, Nicolas Fulghum, Katy Altieri. 2026. “[Global Electricity Review 2025](#)”. *EMBER* (April)