

CRF-2023

Sayers, Margery

From: DEMETRIOS JAMES MATSAKIS <djmatsa@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2023 12:04 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Banning natural gas legislation

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Thanks for driving up the cost to heat our home and hot water!! Our home uses natural gas for these needs and you have increased the cost for homeowners like us going forward.

You should let the marketplace drive such changes.

Electricity for heating and hot water are more expensive than natural gas.

Maryland uses Nuclear and Natural gas to generate the majority of its electricity.

Eighty percent of HoCo police officers live outside of the county since they can't afford to live here. Many service works also.

You have just increased the citizens' cost.

Thanks a lot!

Demetrios J Matsakis
Rebecca R Matsakis, MD

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Albert Holm <holm_albert@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 5:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Vote Yes for CB5

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Please pass CB5-2023 on Monday, March 6, without any weakening amendments or substantive changes. The bill is a crucial step forward in putting Howard County on a path to reduce climate pollution and benefit Howard County residents' pocketbooks and health. [name, address, district]

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From: Stephanie D <thebootcampgirl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support the Clean New Buildings Climate Act (CB5)

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Hi Mr. Yungman,

I live in Woodbine and I support clean new buildings act that is being voted on tonight. It's important that we consider the well-being of future generations.

Thank you.
Stephanie Dignan

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From: Dan Merson <danno6283@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB5-2023
Attachments: CB5-2023.docx

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Council members,

I appreciated the opportunity to testify in opposition of this bill and the chance to further respond. While I understand the concern for the environment, and being good stewards of our land and resources, a balanced plan approach is most prudent. The current grid can not support an all electrification system. As technology improves and new efficiencies are realized and discovered this plan should be phased in as the progression of technology advances.

As the law is currently written it will have an adverse affect on our small business. My wife and I own a chimney/fireplace business in the Elkridge area employing 10 people as wells subcontractors. We inspection, clean, restore and install all types of fireplaces that include both gas and electric units. When installed and vented properly gas fireplaces are highly efficient and safe.

I would like to recommend that initially this legislation be directed to commercial and industrial buildings as the power grid improves its ability to support such higher electric demands.

A lot of research and development is being applied in renewable energy and this technology will continue to expand exponentially. Reusable fuel sources are being researched and developed to provide strong options that are friendly to the environment.

I testified before the Council and provided copies of my testimony but have also attached it to this email. Once again thanks for hearing my opposition to the legislation as it is written.

Have a great day,
Daniel G. Merson

Opposition to Council Bill 5-2023
2/21/2023

Good evening, County Council Members,

My name is Daniel G. Merson, and I reside at 5820 Harman Ave in Elkridge. I also own a small business that is located at 5844 Washington Blvd, in Elkridge, that currently employees ten people. In both facilities, I utilize multiple sources of energy to heat my home and business.

As a resident and business owner, I have serious concerns with the implications of moving to a single source energy policy. Natural gas, propane, and heating oil are required in many facilities, as they provide a preferred fuel choice for space heating, water heating and cooking for households throughout Howard County.

While I strongly support climate change actions, and have taken many measures to conserve, eliminate waste, recycle, and apply reusable material to our home and business, I'm opposed to this legislation. Forced electrification jeopardizes my business, my employees, and the consumers ability to choose affordable, reliable heating options. This bill would leave your constituents without any choice but electrifying. Today's electric heating technology, such as heat pumps, underperforms on cold days. Ten years ago, I made a major addition to my home in Elkridge, and I am very satisfied with my highly efficient warm gas heat.

Electrification will also cost residents more money. Just a couple months ago BGE increased our KW cost by 21% (from .07643 to .09644) and I foresee this significantly increasing if this movement continues. Whole home electrifying could cost \$4,000 to \$15,000, while monthly energy bills would increase significantly.

A friend of mine did his own unofficial query on social media, asking those that live in the County if they are in favor of this legislation. Almost fifty people responded with very adamite noes, and only one that was somewhat supportive. Over the last couple months, BGE is replacing all the natural gas lines (including mine) in my community, which I'm sure comes with a significant cost at improving the infrastructure.

As the Howard County Council considers this legislation, please consider the impact it will have on small businesses, jobs, and consumer choice. I'm asking that you please oppose CB5-2023.

Thank You

Daniel G. Merson

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