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Massachusetts Communities Deserve Good Jobs and Climate Justice.

Recently, [we sent an InfoAlert \(usw.to/43L\)](https://www.uswrr.org/43L) to tell you about our concerns regarding efforts in Massachusetts to ban the use of natural gas in new and renovated buildings. We are proud of the work our USW gas workers do every day to keep Massachusetts residents safe and warm. Banning gas connections will drive up the cost of housing, kill construction jobs, and put our infrastructure at risk. Natural gas will be a critical fuel source for many years to come and there are alternative fuels and new technologies that can use the gas system infrastructure in the future.

The Massachusetts Senate passed [an amendment \(usw.to/43N\)](https://www.uswrr.org/43N) to a bill that would allow ten cities and towns to enact natural gas bans for certain projects called the 10 City Gas Ban (section 65). That bill now goes to a conference committee where the House decides whether to include the 10 City Gas Ban amendment in the final bill. Some cities and towns have already started the process to enact these bans should the legislation pass. This would have a devastating impact on electricity costs and the capacity of the grid.

We need to let all of our Representatives and Senators know the impact this would have on union jobs and working families and that they need to oppose [S.2842.\(usw.to/43N\)](https://www.uswrr.org/43N)

[Take Action Today! \(usw.to/43P\)](https://www.uswrr.org/43P)

Please call and email BOTH your State Senator and State Representative today and let them know you, your family and your friends are against the 10 City Gas Ban.

- **Click [HERE \(usw.to/43P\)](https://www.uswrr.org/43P) to send your Representative and Senators an email and urge them to oppose S.2842, the 10 City Gas Ban.**
- **Click [HERE \(usw.to/43Q\)](https://www.uswrr.org/43Q) to look up your Representative's and Senator's office phone. Call them and tell them to OPPOSE S.2842, the 10 City Gas Ban.**

Now is not the time to promote disinvestment in the gas system. Working together toward our climate goals means legislators need to hear from working people like you. Massachusetts legislators need to OPPOSE S.2842, the 10 City Gas Ban.

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