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Statement of the Pennsylvania Propane Gas Association on SB 275 May 4, 2021

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Propane Gas Association, please accept our support of SB 275.

The Pennsylvania Propane Gas Association (PAPGA) represents over 300 companies (including branches) that provide clean energy to more than 225,475 residential 635,700 and commercial customers across the state.

PAPGA supports SB 275 because it is important Pennsylvania consumers have the ability to choose the energy source that best meets their needs. We all want to improve the environment for future generations, and we can do that by a responsible combination of energy choices, including gas and electricity.

SB 275 seeks to ensure that local governments cannot make the decision to ban propane from use as a power source. This legislation will preclude restricting consumer choice and creating a situation where there is a patchwork of cities and counties that have banned propane in homes and businesses. Further, forced residential electrification would increase the average residential household energy costs by up to \$900 per year.

As of today, 11 states have enacted similar laws to protect consumers; Arkansas, Arizona, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

There are 12 other states besides Pennsylvania who are considering similar legislation; Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas. Pennsylvania should protect consumers and pass SB275.

Why is SB 275 needed?

- We all want a cleaner environment.
- We want to avoid restricting consumer choice. Consumers want the right to choose what energy source works best for their homes and businesses.
 - More than 861,175 homes and businesses use propane in Pennsylvania.
- As of today, 11 states across the country have enacted bills like this and 12 more are currently considering similar legislation.

Why not only electricity?

- Giving homes and businesses the choice of energy solutions provides security during times of extreme weather or natural disasters. We have seen the impacts of rolling blackouts and natural disasters this past year in Texas and California.
 - Homes and businesses that use a combination of propane and electric are resilient. Propane does not have the vulnerabilities of electricity. Wildfires, hurricanes, and infrastructure aging all threaten the system of electric generation plants and grids.
- Forced residential electrification would increase the average residential household energy costs by up to \$900 per year.

How does propane benefit homes and businesses?

- Propane is a clean source of energy that helps over 861,175 homes and businesses in our state reduce their carbon footprint and support sustainability.
- Propane and solar make a great pair. Using low-carbon or renewable propane for energy intensive systems such as space and water heating provide homes with an efficient mix of sustainable energy even when the sun is not shining. And using solar or other renewable energy generation methods, you can still use propane and achieve net zero.

Propane is a good solution.

- Propane is a clean, low-carbon fuel that is an approved alternative fuel under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act.
- Propane is more efficient than electricity. The EPA's Energy Star program gives propane a source site ratio of 1.01, compared to 2.80 for electricity from the grid. This means it takes 2.8 units of electricity to produce and deliver 1 unit of energy to a home, compared to 1.01 units for propane.
 - For all the energy that goes into the production of electricity, only about 33 percent of that energy reaches the end user.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me with any questions at shelby@PApropane.com or 717.441.6040.

Sincerely,

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