

Preserve Energy Options

SB127 and HB201 protect the rights of Ohioans to choose their energy source

Ohio should determine its own energy future

- State and local governments from coast to coast and in between are beginning to ban traditional fuels, most notably natural gas.
- Now, it's happening in Ohio: some cities have adopted energy policies that increase energy burdens on low-income residents and effectively eliminate natural gas in their communities as early as 2025.
- These policies are the result of national environmental groups trying to limit energy options for industrial, commercial and residential customers.
- Ohioans know that natural gas is essential to balancing the deployment of renewable energy on the grid. Renewable energy is intermittent and traditional fuels are necessary to provide power when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing.



Natural Gas

Utilities as energy partners

- Natural gas companies are working hard to provide clean, reliable energy throughout Ohio.
- Utilities are achieving the public policy goal of extending service throughout rural Ohio, to help grow jobs and industry, all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Utilizing our homegrown resources will help our state and our country remain energy independent.

**Join the other states
across the US that are
fighting back, to control
their own energy
destinies.**

Natural gas is vital to Ohio's economy and quality of life

- Ohio natural gas consumers have saved over \$40 billion between 2006-2016 due to low natural gas prices.
- Homes using natural gas for heating, cooking and drying clothes save an average of \$900 per year compared to those using other energy sources, according to the American Gas Association (AGA).
- A recent AGA study shows that if natural gas were banned in Columbus, Ohio, monthly residential utility bills would double and total carbon emissions would actually increase under a 100% renewable mandate. The cost to the Columbus region would be \$7.4 billion over 20 years.

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to choose the energy they want to fuel their lives.**

More Facts about the Natural Gas Industry

- In Ohio, families have saved over \$15 billion since 2006 on their gas bills. Nationwide, the low cost of natural gas has saved customers \$143 billion over 10 years.
- In the U.S, nearly 21,000 businesses sign up to use natural gas every year.
- Residential natural gas accounts for only 4.6% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.
- More than 200,000 Ohioans are employed in the energy sector. Nationally, more than 4.1 million jobs are connected to the natural gas industry and 83% of them are local.
- America's natural gas utilities invest \$91 million every day on enhancing safety on their pipeline system.
- The national commercial and industrial sectors combined have saved over a half of trillion dollars over 10 years.
- Natural gas produces almost 40% of U.S. electricity.
- Carbon emissions from the average natural gas home decline 1.2% per year.
- Increased use of natural gas is the single largest factor in power sector emission reductions reaching 27-year lows.
- Natural gas utilities invested \$1.47 billion nationwide in 2018 in residential energy efficiency.
- The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects only a 0.5% growth in the annual residential price of natural gas between 2019-2050.
- Natural gas utilities nationwide add nearly 663,000 new customers every year.
- 11.1 million American households have become natural gas customers since 2000.
- The affordability of natural gas has led to \$121 billion in savings for American businesses since 2009.
- Policy driven electrification would increase average household energy costs up to \$910 a year.
- Emissions from the natural gas distribution system have declined 73% since 1990.

States advancing or prohibiting building gas bans and electrification codes

