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Algonquin Pipeline Relocation-25012-Bourne

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Restricting natural gas supply to Cape Cod will have severe negative economic impacts and is not likely to reduce carbon emissions.

Using natural gas for cooking, drying clothes, heating and hot water is highly efficient. Forcing a change to electricity, which is produced mostly by combustion of natural gas at 30-50% efficiency, makes no sense environmentally.

MA electricity is among the most expensive in the country and in the world. The cost of subsidies to support solar power and batteries has almost tripled our electric rates.

Natural gas is the cleanest of fossil fuels and we are blessed to have access to inexpensive natural gas most of the year. Restrictions to regional gas supply causes us to buy LNG in the winter at the highest global prices, many times higher. Restricting gas supply to the Cape will make living on the Cape less affordable, especially for workers, retired families and lower income groups.

Despite an almost 15 $trillion in global investment in renewable energy, EVs and batteries, global carbon emissions continue to rise because most of the world prioritizes affordability and reliability of energy above the uncertain and heavily disputed benefits of decarbonization. All of these points are well documented, and I will gladly help the members of the Cape COD Commission access this information to make better-informed choices that benefit Cape Cod and its full-time residents.

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