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The incentive structure that tax credits and subsidies can provide is a powerful tool for the creation of new industry. However, once infrastructure is set, it is difficult to change.

These three bills that currently face consideration by the Connecticut legislature would empower distributors of natural gas to receive benefits from the government to support their activity. However, natural gas is a poor choice of fuel for Connecticut's future. As climate instability continues to increase, natural gas prices will spike in our winters and summers. The currently depressed market for natural gas is rapidly inflating, and the price of natural gas is expected to exceed that of both renewables and

Not only wasteful of our money, so-called "natural" gas is potentially dangerous. In my home of Middletown CT, five people were killed and twelve injured at a gas plant explosion just five years ago. Gas explosions also erupt in our neighborhoods, such as Bridgeport just down the 91 from here.

Please do not further incentivize the expansion of natural gas production, distribution and consumption in Connecticut. It is a poor fiscal, ethical and environmental choice for our Commonwealth.

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