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MEMORANDUM

August 28, 2026

To: Members, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “No Flame, More Pain: How State and Local Bans on Natural Gas Increase Costs”

On **Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. ET in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs will host a hearing entitled “No Flame, More Pain: How State and Local Bans on Natural Gas Increase Costs.”

I. BACKGROUND:

The Biden Administration and Congressional Democrats worked to significantly limit the use of natural gas in homes and force home appliance electrification. Congressional Republicans and President Trump have successfully overturned many of these efforts. However, states and localities pushing bans and curtailments of natural gas will threaten grid reliability and increase energy costs for American families and businesses. These effects will be felt by residents of those jurisdictions and in other states.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine efforts by states and localities across the country to ban or greatly inhibit the use of natural gas and other fossil fuels in many types of buildings, as well as the consequences of these bans on energy choice and affordability.

III. WITNESSES:

Mr. Mike Fazio

Executive Director, New York State Builders Association (NYSBA)
National Association of Home Builders

Mr. James Conde

Partner, Boyden Gray PLLC
Prime Mover Institute

Mr. Patrick McCormick

Former Chief Counsel
U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

**additional witnesses possible*