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Protect the Planet

Let me add another citizen voice to the drive to maintain an inhabitable planet. With induction stoves now available, even the chief cook in our family, believes our household can survive without a natural gas pipeline, if we could afford the cost of new space and water heating systems. Don't force new families into this box. Make new buildings free of natural gas pipelines. Fancy restaurants that feel they must have natural gas for specialized cooking can enjoy the "classic" architecture of grand-fathered buildings in neighborhoods where gas-service is scheduled to remain until say 2040. In other neighborhoods plans should be developed to help homeowners and landlords make the transition from natural gas before 2040.

Utility companies should be directed to find renewable energy resources to replace the use of coal, natural gas and nuclear power. Energy can be stored safely as hydrogen, produced directly from water, which produces only water when electricity is released from its re-combination with oxygen. We have the technology. As we introduce hydrogen energy storage at scale the cost will be far below that of maintaining nuclear and natural gas infrastructure. Push to the future.