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## **AB 3232**

Hello,

The El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce opposes AB 3232. The bill is unnecessary and forces everyone to use electricity. Californians should be able to choose their preferred sources of energy such as natural gas, which is more cost effective and efficient, especially for the food service industry.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

can't afford to repeatedly swap out equipment. Requiring businesses to do so—and saddling them with higher energy bills—will undermine their viability, impacting jobs, revenue, and tax receipts. Businesses in California can scarcely afford another costly mandate.

In addition, an electrification mandate would eliminate customer choice and make the term "energy options" completely meaningless in California. This would move the state to an all-eggs-in-one-basket scenario, jeopardizing energy reliability. Should blackouts occur due to natural or man-made causes, California businesses will be completely without energy for cooking, manufacturing, heating, or the numerous other end-uses currently fueled by natural gas. It hardly seems prudent for the state to choose to eliminate all but one type of energy.

For these reasons, we respectfully oppose AB 3232 and request your "NO" vote.

Sincerely,

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