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## **Rural Sustainability**

There are many residents in California who live in rural areas whether it be farms, ranches or rural neighborhoods. These people have either made a conscience decision to reside outside the city limits or followed the generational responsibility of farm or ranch ownership. With the possibility of burdening these residents with astronomical costs to become totally dependent on electricity for heating and cooking in their homes shows fallible reasoning.

For most it is cost effective for their heating and cooking capabilities. What could possibly be the reason to introduce higher energy costs for these individuals? Why would you want to possibly drive these people back into urban living when it's against their choosing? What could California benefit from this?

A major advantage of using propane gas as fuel is that compared to many other fuel sources it is environmentally friendly. In practical terms this means that it meets the clean air energy standards of the Environmental Protection Agency. It is nontoxic and soluble in water, and because it is a gas it cannot spill, form pools or leave environmentally damaging residues. There is no "good" argument for eliminating propane unless the sole purpose is to drive another nail into the coffin of agriculture and rural living in California.