



Submitted by: Marina Popova, Town Meeting Member, Precinct 13

Mothers Out Front, Arlington, letter of support for Article 92

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The Arlington chapter of Mothers Out Front submits this letter in strong support of Warrant Article 92: A Resolution in Support of Transitioning to Clean Heat in Massachusetts. Mothers Out Front is a national nonprofit dedicated to combating climate change and preserving a livable future for all children, and as Arlington residents, we are committed to making that future a reality in our own community.

Building emissions account for approximately 63% of the Town's total emissions. Reaching our climate goals requires converting slightly more than one building per day to zero emissions — more than 400 buildings per year for 30 years. This cannot happen through individual action alone. Warrant Article 92 calls for a strategic, coordinated, street-by-street transition from gas to clean heat.

The Town cannot do this work alone. This resolution sends a clear message to our utility partners, legislators, and Town administrators that Arlington is serious about making this transition. We are calling on utilities and state authorities to partner with Arlington in developing a phased, affordable plan to wind down the gas system while minimizing cost and disruption.

The resolution also calls for repairing existing gas leaks rather than replacing old gas pipes with new gas pipes— pipes that will be obsolete within 30 years anyway. The current pipeline replacement program, known as the Gas System Enhancement Program (GSEP), is costing ratepayers billions of dollars and driving up our gas bills.

Arlington Mothers Out Front believes the best and most equitable way to meet Arlington's climate goals, as well as reduce costs to ratepayers, is to gradually and strategically decommission the gas system. We support the passage of Warrant Article 92.

Sincerely,

Claire Moodie and Anju Joglekar, Arlington Mothers Out Front co-coordinators, on behalf of the Arlington Chapter

