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# H. R. 3818

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2023

Mr. NEWHOUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) There has been increasing momentum at  
6 the local, State, and Federal level across the United  
7 States to disincentivize and forbid the use of natural  
8 gas stoves thereby curbing consumer choice, crippling  
9 manufacturers, and increasing energy prices.

1           (2) On February 1, 2023, the Department of  
2           Energy initiated a Supplemental Notice of Proposed  
3           Rulemaking, and published a Technical Support  
4           Document, which would establish maximum energy  
5           consumption standards annually for gas stove tops  
6           thereby barring manufacturers from selling gas  
7           stoves which consume over 1,204 British thermal  
8           units annually.

9           (3) In the Supplemental Notice of Proposed  
10          Rulemaking and the Technical Support Document,  
11          the Department of Energy estimated only four per-  
12          cent of gas stove tops on the market met the pro-  
13          posed maximum rate of 1,204 British thermal units  
14          annually which would exclude 96 percent of gas  
15          stoves.

16          (4) Shortly thereafter, on March 7, 2023, the  
17          Consumer Product Safety Commission published a  
18          notice to request information on chronic health haz-  
19          ards associated with gas stove ranges.

20          (5) On March 20, 2023, in response to these  
21          ongoing efforts to ban the purchase and usage of  
22          natural gas stoves, 75 Members of Congress joined  
23          together and sent a letter to Secretary Granholm at  
24          the Department of Energy expressing significant  
25          concerns with the Department of Energy's proposed

1 rule and expressing opposition to the finalization of  
2 the proposed rule.

3 (6) In early May 2023, New York approved a  
4 fiscal year 2024 State budget prohibiting the use of  
5 propane heating, furnaces, and natural gas stoves in  
6 residential buildings and requiring the use of all  
7 electric heating and cooking appliances in buildings  
8 smaller than seven stories by 2026 and for larger  
9 buildings by 2029.

10 (7) On May 8, 2023, 11 city attorneys general  
11 from States such as Delaware, Maryland, Massachu-  
12 setts, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island, Oregon,  
13 Vermont, the District of Columbia, and Washington  
14 submitted a letter to the Consumer Product Safety  
15 Commission in support of the commission’s March 7,  
16 2023, request for information on gas stoves and re-  
17 questing compulsory regulations on gas stove ven-  
18 tilation standards.

19 (8) On May 24, 2023, the House Committee on  
20 Oversight and Accountability held a Subcommittee  
21 on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory  
22 Affairs hearing entitled “Consumer Choice on the  
23 Backburner: Examining the Biden Administration’s  
24 Regulatory Assault on Americans’ Gas Stoves” with  
25 industry experts to discuss the Department of Ener-

1       gy’s proposed rulemaking and the negative impact  
2       the proposed rules would have if finalized.

3               (9) Natural gas is a safe, clean, and reliable en-  
4       ergy source which is an vital component of an all-  
5       of-the-above strategic approach to energy develop-  
6       ment helping to ensure American energy security  
7       and independence.

8       **SEC. 2. PROPOSED RULE ON ENERGY CONSERVATION**  
9                       **STANDARDS FOR CONSUMER CONVENTIONAL**  
10                      **COOKING PRODUCTS.**

11       The Secretary of Energy may not finalize, implement,  
12       administer, or enforce the proposed rule titled “Energy  
13       Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards  
14       for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products; Supple-  
15       mental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and announcement  
16       of public meeting” (88 Fed. Reg. 6818; published Feb-  
17       ruary 1, 2023) with respect to energy conservation stand-  
18       ards for gas kitchen ranges and ovens, or any substantially  
19       similar rule, including any rule that would directly or indi-  
20       rectly limit consumer access to gas kitchen ranges or  
21       ovens.

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