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**APGA Supports Bipartisan Senate Energy Bill**

*Washington, D.C. (March 3, 2020)* – The American Public Gas Association (APGA), representing more than 700 local, municipally-owned natural gas systems in 38 states, issued the following statement in response to last week’s release of the bipartisan American Energy Innovation Act and the U.S. Senate’s potential vote this week.

“We are particularly pleased that our long-supported repeal and replace of Section 433 was included in the base text of the bill. Additionally, APGA supports the aspects of the bill regarding Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Assistance Partnership (TAP) programs. As the Senate is expected to vote on this legislation this week, APGA hopes that the text remains unchanged. Particularly, amendments that impact the existing, cooperative building code development and adoption process should not be approved, ensuring consumers continue to have a choice in what fuels and appliances they can use, as well as not face increased energy costs.”

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*APGA is the national association of municipally and publicly-owned local distribution systems. There are about 1,000 public gas systems serving more than 6 million customers. These public gas utilities are not-for-profit retail distribution entities that are owned by, and accountable to, the citizens they serve. They include municipal gas distribution systems, public utility districts, county districts, and other public agencies that have natural gas distribution facilities.*