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**APGA Supports Pipeline Infrastructure Financing Legislation**

*Washington, D.C. (November 21, 2013) –* Today, the American Public Gas Association (APGA) sent a letter to Senator Edward Markey (D-Mass.) in support of his recently introduced legislation, the Pipeline Revolving Fund and Job Creation Act, which would create a State Revolving Loan Fund to aid the repair and replacement of local distribution company (LDC) pipelines.

The following statement can be attributed to APGA President & CEO Bert Kalisch.

“APGA members’ mission is to ensure the safe, reliable, and affordable delivery of natural gas to their customers. Safety has been and always will be our members’ highest priority.

“The repair and replacement of LDC distribution lines is a highly capital intensive undertaking. Financing these projects is particularly challenging for not-for-profit LDCs because in many cases, the options are limited compared to our investor owned counterparts.

“That is why APGA is proud to support Senator Markey’s common-sense and cost-effective legislation to establish a State Revolving Loan Fund for the repair or replacement of LDC pipelines. This legislation provides a sustainable financing mechanism that will allow municipal LDCs and other market participants to be eligible for affordable loans and loan guarantees that improve distribution system integrity and efficiency.

“On behalf of APGA, I would like to thank Senator Markey for his leadership on this critical issue.”

A copy of the correspondence can be found at [www.apga.org/correspondence](http://www.apga.org/correspondence).

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