

Woll orally: Thank you for the opportunity to make some brief comments today. I am part of the Gas Leaks Allies as well as the Mothers Out Front Legislative team, but am not speaking on their behalf.

My comments are limited at this time to regarding workshop on Wednesday on new construction:

Does new construction include substantial renovation of an existing building? Substantial renovation means cost of construction in excess of 50% of assessed value and thus is tantamount to a new construction as the building must brought up to code then.

Consider requiring installation of other than gas-fired equipment, such as heat pump technology, both ground source heat pumps and air source where ground source is not feasible.

In addition have cost benefit calculation include the cost of greenhouse gas emission, i.e., fully costed. In other words, **“when determining cost-effectiveness, the calculation of program benefits shall include calculations of the social value of greenhouse gas emissions reductions”** That is included in Section 16-29 of Senate Bill 2500, now in conference.

That is especially pertinent to renovation of existing buildings from gas to clean energy.