



July 19, 2023

Honorable Judge John S. Nugent
Mitchell Courthouse, Chambers 432
100 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Subject: Support for Lawsuit to Prevent Unilateral Installation of External Gas Regulators

Dear Judge Nugent,

I am the President of the Patterson Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA), and I am sending this letter to express our support for the lawsuit filed against Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE) concerning the unilateral installation of external gas regulators in single-family homes and multi-family units of six or fewer residences. We firmly align with the stand taken by Attorney Thiru Vignarajah, who emphasizes the necessity for options and flexibility in the choice of gas regulators based on essential site safety data.

Our support for this lawsuit is for three reasons:

1. BGE has repeatedly failed to make the case that these regulators are safer or that they are recommended. In repeated outreach events with the public, BGE representatives have stated that the installation of these regulators is recommended by the National Transportation Safety Board but have been unable to produce the report containing that recommendation. Similarly, BGE representatives often assert that these external regulators are safer, but whenever requested to produce data by residents or by journalists, they have failed to do so.
2. In cases where BGE has already installed external regulators, the work has been uneven and sloppy. Residents within Patterson Park Neighborhood have had to spend their own money to remediate unsightly work resulting from the installation of these external regulators.
3. There are instances where the installation of internal regulators with vents could be the more prudent option based on the specific characteristics of a property. Without careful evaluation and the flexibility for choice, the imposition of external gas regulators could jeopardize the safety, structural integrity, and historic value of residents' homes. We

believe these decisions should be made on a case by case basis rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach.

Throughout this process, we have found that communication by BGE has been remarkably poor, and we do not believe that due process has been followed to ensure that these installations comply with requirements and safety regulations. Thank you for your attention to this vital issue, and we anticipate a resolution that upholds the safety and choices of our community members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ernest Le". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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