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Energy

THE REAL COST OF
SENATE BILL
S3166

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Consumers will lose their right to natural gas

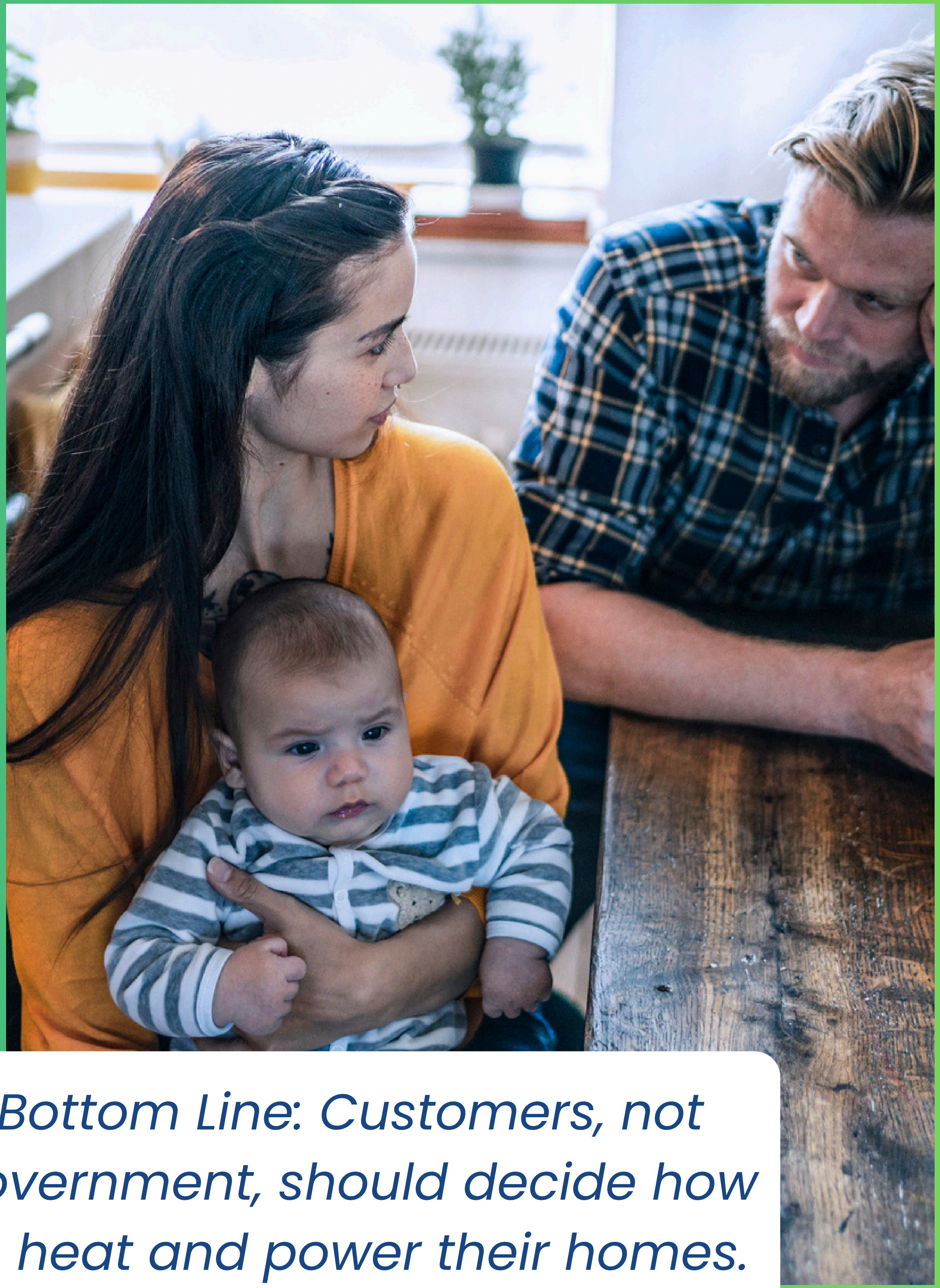
Under SB3166: The state, not customers, will decide how you power your home.

For decades, Massachusetts families have chosen the energy source that works best for them. S3166 changes that.

As part of the bill's electrification requirements, gas companies, at the direction of the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), would be required to disconnect existing natural gas service when another energy source is available, even if the customer wants to remain on natural gas.

It also:

- Accelerates decommissioning of the natural gas system
- Forces gas customers to help pay for electrification
- Removes consumer choice in favor of government mandates



Bottom Line: Customers, not government, should decide how to heat and power their homes.

THIS MEANS MUCH HIGHER COSTS FOR CONSUMERS

Massachusetts families and businesses will pay the price.

Senate Bill S3166 would add at least $ 20- $ 27 billion in new electric grid costs by 2032, raising a typical household's energy bill by $ 800- 1,050 per year.

Require the Commonwealth's 1.8 million current natural gas customers to shift to electric or geothermal heat sources. According to a recently released public study, new heat pumps, stoves, clothes dryers, water heaters, and in-home electrical upgrades impose $60,000 IN NEW EXPENSES on EVERY gas customer, EVEN IF THE CUSTOMER WANTS TO KEEP THEIR NATURAL GAS SERVICE.

Altogether, this bill will create MORE THAN $230 BILLION in new ratepayer costs by 2040 for electrical grid infrastructure and upgrades as well as new consumer equipment.

Create vastly more additional costs through new unlimited ' energy services' and renewable procurement contracts with ABSOLUTELY NO COST OR SPENDING CAPS on the Department of Energy Resources (DOER)

Bottom Line: This bill doesn't lower energy costs; it raises them.

Gives State Government a Blank Check

Unlimted Authority.

The bill gives the Department of Energy Resources sweeping authority to procure renewable generation, transmission, storage, demand reduction, and broadly defined 'energy services.' The costs are placed directly onto Massachusetts electric customers.

Unlimited Spending

The legislation contains:

- No meaningful spending cap
- No overall budget limit
- Broad authority to expand programs over time

Bottom Line: Massachusetts families deserve accountability, not a blank check funded through their utility bills.

Puts Reliability and Good Jobs at Risk

Higher costs shouldn't come with a less reliable energy system.

The bill would:

- **Weaken long-term planning for the natural gas system**
- **Create uncertainty for thousands of skilled Massachusetts energy workers**
- **Shift responsibility for portions of the electric grid into new, unregulated and unaccountable third-party structures**
- **Increase reliance on ambitious demand-reduction targets during periods of peak electricity demand**
- **Unregulated third parties would not have to coordinate with grid operators when dispatching new resources, creating chaos and catastrophic risks to system-wide reliability.**

Bottom Line: Affordable, reliable energy should remain the priority.

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CONCLUSION

S3166 Moves Massachusetts in the Wrong Direction.

Instead of making energy more affordable, the bill:

- Raises energy costs
- Takes away consumer choice
- Expands government spending without limits
- Creates new risks for reliability and Massachusetts jobs

Massachusetts deserves an energy policy that protects affordability, preserves customer choice, maintains reliability, and supports good-paying jobs.