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To prohibit States, local governments, or State regulatory authorities from prohibiting a natural gas consumer from connecting or reconnecting to a gas utility for natural gas service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REGULATION OF NATURAL GAS CONNECTIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—No State, local government, or
5 State regulatory authority may prohibit a natural gas con-
6 sumer from connecting or reconnecting to a gas utility for
7 natural gas service.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The terms “State regulatory authority” and
2 “gas utility” have the meanings given such terms in
3 section 302 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies
4 Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3202).

5 (2) The term “natural gas consumer” has the
6 meaning given the term “gas consumer” in section
7 302 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of
8 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3202).

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