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Multnomah County could make history this year in the fight for clean and healthy buildings. All Oregon voices need to be heard supporting this action by Multnomah County. While this law would only be for Multnomah County, it will show the way for future action by counties over all the state and for the state itself. Your voice must be heard even if you do not live in Multnomah County.

By ensuring all new buildings are free of fossil fuels, Multnomah County could become the first county in the United States to pass this policy, AND they'd be the first municipality ever to do so on the grounds of public health. If the County takes advantage of this opportunity to be a leader, the policy could act as a blueprint for cities and counties around the entire country to start taking bolder action against the gas industry.

When we build new buildings that are hooked up to gas infrastructure, we're then locking ourselves into using gas for decades to come. Buildings account for a third of Oregon's climate pollution. Electrification is a solution that can create a just transition to homes and buildings that are safer, healthier, and more resilient to extreme weather. We need our political leaders to stand up for the climate and our health by making a just transition away from gas.

Dozens of cities, including New York, Seattle, Denver, and San Francisco, have already said no to fracked gas in new buildings. In Oregon, Eugene, Milwaukie, Lane County, and Southern Oregon are all exploring new laws to regulate gas and provide clear pathways for clean buildings. [You can join us right now to take action and demand Multnomah County do the same here: https://tinyurl.com/350PDX-Fossil-Free-Future](https://tinyurl.com/350PDX-Fossil-Free-Future).

In order for history to be made, we need to show the County that communities throughout Oregon want this to happen! We deserve healthy lungs, clean air, and a future powered by clean and renewable energy, not the lies of the fossil fuel industry.

[Sign the petition now to make Multnomah County fossil fuel free.](https://tinyurl.com/350PDX-Fossil-Free-Future)

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It's clear we need to move on from fossil fuels, including methane gas. We already knew that methane from fracked gas is fueling the climate crisis. Now, more and more research is showing that burning gas in our stoves, heaters, and fireplaces creates air pollution levels that would be illegal outdoors, because it can cause conditions like asthma and heart failure, yet we're burning them inside of our homes! The road ahead is clear: we can't continue burning fossil fuels if we want a livable future. We need real solutions that transition us away from fossil fuels while centering the needs of those most impacted by the extreme weather events and the climate crisis.