

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Reps. Wendzel, St. Germaine, Bezotte, Wozniak, De Boer, DeSana, Bollin, Friske and Rigas offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to oppose any attempt by the President of the
2 United States or the United States Consumer Product Safety
3 Commission to ban the use of gas stoves.

4 Whereas, Banning the use of gas stoves is yet another example
5 of Orwellian, paternalistic, overreaching encroachment on state
6 sovereignty and citizens' rights from the federal government. Over
7 40 million households in the United States have gas stoves. An
8 outright ban is over-encompassing and severely limits consumers'
9 choices about the kinds of appliances they can have in their homes;
10 and

11 Whereas, Banning the use of gas stoves would unnecessarily
12 regulate the hospitality industry and destroy small businesses.

1 Nearly 76% of restaurants use natural gas as a cooking energy
2 source, including 87% of full-service restaurants and 60% of
3 limited-service restaurants. Professional chefs and restaurant
4 owners prefer natural gas stoves because of their cost savings, the
5 ability to control an open flame, and the ease of use and longer
6 lifespan for gas ranges. Approximately 94% of restaurant owners
7 believe that banning gas stoves would hurt their businesses,
8 because a flame is critical to cooking a variety of dishes. Some
9 restaurants, like Asian restaurants, rely exclusively on gas stoves
10 and grills to create a taste and spectacle that is unique to their
11 restaurants and cannot be achieved with electric stoves. Banning
12 gas stoves would require restaurant owners to convert existing
13 building infrastructure to handle a new energy source. The costs
14 associated with these conversions would destroy local and
15 independent restaurants, which are still recovering from the debt
16 accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

17 Whereas, Banning the use of gas stoves in favor of electric
18 stoves does not help the environment. The electricity used to
19 operate an electric stove must have a power source. In 2021, coal
20 provided the largest share of Michigan's electricity generation at
21 32%, followed by nuclear energy at 30% and natural gas at 27%.
22 Renewable energy only provided about 11% of Michigan's net
23 electricity generation in 2021, with wind energy accounting for
24 three-fifths of that power. Thus, electric stoves are not more
25 environmentally friendly than gas stoves; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we oppose any
27 attempt, current or future, by the President of the United States
28 or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to ban the
29 use of gas stoves; and be it further

1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 President of the United States, the Chair of the United States
3 Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the members of the Michigan
4 congressional delegation.