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Alexander Hoehn-Saric, Chair  
Consumer Product Safety Commission  
4330 East West Highway  
Bethesda, MD 20814

**Docket No. CPSC-2023-0009**

Dear Chair Hoehn-Saric,

As elected officials from across the country, we write to support the efforts of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to investigate the chronic hazards associated with gas ranges and proposed solutions to those hazards.

The science behind the concerns about gas stove pollution is decades long and growing. Cooking with gas can [produce](#) air pollution levels indoors that would exceed outdoor standards. That means that doing something as simple and innocuous as making a meal can release pollutants into our homes that some studies show lead to the development of [asthma](#), especially in children, and may [worsen symptoms](#) for those with preexisting respiratory illnesses.

And yet, most people still think cooking with gas is the best option. Popular culture says gas is superior — that “real chefs” would only use gas stoves. That’s because gas companies have [marketed](#) the products in ways that extoll the virtues of gas stoves, without adequately acknowledging the potential health risks. As a result, consumers are not warned of the risks when they purchase a gas stove. While proper ventilation is important for reducing exposure to indoor air pollution, ventilation is [not universally required](#) for installing a gas stove, and many people who have ventilation don’t use it every time they cook.

Today, [nearly a third](#) of American households have a gas stove. That’s millions of households potentially being exposed to toxic pollutants every time they make a meal -- and running a gas stove for even [just one hour](#) can lead to pollutant levels that exceed health-based standards.

We encourage the CPSC to consider the levels and effects on nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), benzene and all pollutants that recent research has indicated are associated with burning gas in stoves. The CPSC should also consider the disproportionate impacts felt by vulnerable populations, including children, older Americans, lower-income families and people of color.

Thank you for your work to protect American consumers and for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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