



September 17, 2025

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Daniel Webster
Chairman
Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and
Hazardous Materials

The Honorable Dina Titus
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and
Hazardous Materials

Dear Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Chairman Webster, and Ranking Member Titus:

The American Gas Association (AGA) is pleased to support the *Promoting Innovation in Pipeline Efficiency and Safety (PIPES) Act of 2025* (H.R. 5301), substantive and bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's pipeline safety programs for the next four years.

Pipeline safety is the top priority for our members and our industry. AGA very much appreciates the Committee's practical interest in working closely with the regulated community to produce legislation that reflects pipeline sector operations and engineering realities and includes provisions that will improve and clarify operations and address longstanding pipeline safety related public policy challenges. Some of the more helpful provisions within the PIPES Act include:

- Language to reduce pipeline excavation damage incidents
- An evaluation of existing U.S. and international hydrogen-natural gas blending operations
- Ramped up criminal penalties for those who intentionally damage pipeline operations or related construction.
- An appropriate 4-year reauthorization time period

AGA appreciates that the introduction and markup of the *PIPES Act of 2025* is just the first step in moving pipeline safety reauthorization into law. Post markup, we look forward to working with you and your colleagues as reauthorization consideration moves to the Energy and Commerce Committee and to the Senate.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Lowe", is written over a light blue circular background.

George Lowe
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