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To the members of Arlington's Select Board,

For many years Arlington Mothers Out Front has led the way in exposing the problem of methane leaking from our aging gas pipelines. Methane is a strong driver of climate change.

In the fall of 2021 we had a rally and campaign to increase awareness of gas leaks with significant environmental impact (SEI) that contribute the most methane pollution from leaks. Arlington residents signed postcards calling for urgent repair of SEI leaks and a rapid transition to cleaner heat. These were delivered to National Grid in Waltham but their response has been unsatisfactory.

As mothers, grandmothers, and other Arlington residents who care for our children we are fighting for their future - and present. Repairing these SEI gas leaks is a no brainer. Research has shown that they comprise about 7% of all gas leaks yet contribute 50% of leaked methane into our atmosphere. We strongly support the resolution presented by the Gas Leaks Task Force calling for National Grid to rapidly repair Arlington's SEI gas leaks. We stand with the Gas Leaks Task Force and call on the Select Board to approve this resolution.

Thank you,

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On behalf of the Arlington Chapter of Mothers Out Front