



May 29, 2024

The Honorable Ben Allen  
Committee on Environmental Quality  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Room 3230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for AB 2513 re: Gas stoves and ranges: warning label**

Dear Chair Allen and Members of the Committee:

The American Lung Association supports Assembly Bill 2513 (Pellerin) to ensure better consumer awareness of the health risks associated with residential combustion. AB 2513 sets forth a commonsense sales notice requirement to inform consumers related to the emissions caused by gas stove or oven use.

Because of the harms posed by pollutants emitted by gas-burning appliances, AB 2513 would prohibit the sale of a gas stove or range in California manufactured or sold online on or after January 1, 2025, or sold in a store on or after January 1, 2026, unless it is sold with a conspicuous warning label or online disclaimer (for online sales) about the hazards and potential health risks associated with the use of the appliance. The bill would also require the warning to indicate ways to reduce risk through proper ventilation of the exhaust.

California has the highest percentage of households that cook using natural gas at 70%, according to a 2020 analysis from the Energy Information Administration. Although we support the long-term solution of a transition to non-combustion appliances within the home, during this transition, ensuring customers are notified and armed with tools to reduce the possible harm of exposure will be beneficial to consumer health.

The Lung Association's research on the harms of residential combustion notes that exposure to indoor NO<sub>2</sub> and other pollutants from gas combustion can exacerbate asthma symptoms and wheeze in children. It may also increase lower respiratory tract illnesses and reduce lung function parameters in children, particularly in the absence of ventilation and for those living with asthma or allergies. A warning label and/or online disclaimer is a clear and straightforward way to convey these challenges and offer consumer education on risk reduction.

The Lung Association supports AB 2513 and urges your support for this measure. Please contact [William.Barrett@Lung.org](mailto:William.Barrett@Lung.org) for any questions or additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Barrett".

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