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## **Natural Gas Utilities Pleased That Pipeline Safety Legislation Is Moving Forward in House**

**Washington, D.C.** – Natural gas utilities are pleased that the House Energy and Commerce Committee moved forward with pipeline safety reauthorization today, according to David N. Parker, president and CEO of the American Gas Association.

“Natural gas utilities are pleased that the Energy and Commerce Committee has joined the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in advancing legislation to reauthorize pipeline safety,” Parker said. “Some differences remain between the two bills, but we consider it a positive signal that both committees recognize the critical importance of effective pipeline safety legislation.”

Parker praised Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin and Ranking Minority Member John Dingell for working together to successfully pass pipeline safety reauthorization through their committee. Parker said, “We’re looking forward to working with legislators from the Energy and Commerce Committee, as well as Transportation and Infrastructure, in reconciling the two bills and moving pipeline safety to the floor.”

The American Gas Association represents 187 local energy utility companies that deliver natural gas to more than 52 million homes, businesses and industries throughout the United States. Natural gas meets one-fourth of the United States’ energy needs and is the fastest growing major energy source. For more information, visit the AGA web site at [www.aga.org](http://www.aga.org).