



ACTION CALL



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Protect Public Safety and USW Jobs in Massachusetts: Tell Your State Representative to Oppose on H.3517!

Massachusetts lawmakers are considering [H.3517](#) ([usw.to/5nt](#)), a bill that would weaken important gas safety inspections by ending the requirement that gas meters be replaced every seven years.

Meter replacements are one of the main ways trained gas workers identify dangerous conditions in homes and businesses before tragedy happens. During these inspections, utility workers routinely find:

- Gas leaks
- Carbon monoxide hazards
- Faulty gas appliance safety controls
- Fire risks caused by unsafe piping

If inspections happen less often, dangerous conditions are more likely to go undetected – putting gas workers, customers, and communities at greater risk.

H.3517 would also reduce utility staffing and threaten hundreds of union jobs, weakening emergency response capacity across Massachusetts.

We need USW members to speak up. Tell your State Representatives to oppose H.3517 and stand up for public safety, critical gas safety inspections, and the workers who help keep Massachusetts communities safe.

Urge Your Massachusetts State Representatives to OPPOSE H.3517!

Visit [usw.to/5ns](#) or scan the QR code to send a pre-written email to your Massachusetts State Representatives urging them to oppose H.3517.

For more information on this issue or how you can get more involved with Rapid Response, please contact District 4 Rapid Response Coordinator, Mark McDonald, at mmcdonald@usw.org.

