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Commonsense renewable energy policy blocked in progressive committee

Santa Fe - In another blow to hardworking New Mexicans dealing with increasing utility bills, and on the heels of the Biden-admin plans to ban gas stoves, the far-left House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee blocked a critical effort to ensure New Mexico's energy needs remain reliable and affordable. State Rep. Jim Townsend (R-Artesia) today introduced HB 96, a bill that would include natural gas using combined cycle technology in the definition of 'renewable energy resources'--a key measure in utilizing New Mexico's abundant, affordable, and clean natural gas resources.

"Quite frankly, I am shocked that my Democrat colleagues would block this sensible energy policy that would ensure affordable renewable energy," said State Rep. Jim Townsend (Artesia). "New Mexicans deserve affordable energy, and natural gas is the bridge we can use to ensure our state's energy supply will be viable into the future."

HB 96, an affordable renewable energy bill, was blocked by progressives on a party line vote.

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