

Resolution 12: Support for Illinois House Bill 3652 (Natural Gas Detector Bill)

Sponsored by Rep. Camille Lilly, Illinois

Resolution Supporting the Passage of Illinois House Bill 3652 (Natural Gas Detector Bill)

WHEREAS, public safety remains a paramount responsibility of state legislatures, particularly in addressing preventable risks within residential and community settings; and

WHEREAS, natural gas leaks represent a serious and ongoing hazard, with explosions and accidents across the nation demonstrating the need for early detection and warning systems; and

WHEREAS, Illinois House Bill 3652, sponsored by Assistant Majority Leader Representative Camille Y. Lilly, would require the installation of natural gas alarms in residential dwellings, harmonizing fuel gas safety measures with those already in place for smoke and carbon monoxide detection; and

WHEREAS, HB 3652 passed the Illinois House Police & Fire Committee unanimously (13–0) under the leadership of Chairman Representative Michael J. Kelly, demonstrating strong bipartisan support and recognition of its urgency; and

WHEREAS, the bill has further secured backing from House leadership, including Assistant Majority Leader Representative Marcus C. Evans, Jr., ensuring strategic alignment within the chamber; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' advancement of this bill mirrors efforts in Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, and other states, moving toward a uniform national standard for natural gas detection in homes; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as New Cosmos USA and coalition partners have highlighted the life-saving potential of natural gas detectors, which provide low-cost, high-impact protection for families and communities, particularly in vulnerable and underserved neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women) supports Illinois House Bill 3652 and urges its swift passage as a model of community protection, leadership-driven advocacy, and bipartisan cooperation in safeguarding public health and safety.