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Formal Case 977 - Support stronger gas leak reporting laws and Washington Gas accountability

Hello,

First, let me say that we do not have any gas appliances or service at 2714 1/2 Poplar Street.

Yet, we live with the fear of gas leaks and possible unnerving consequences, as well as the inconvenience of regular street/sidewalk digs and remediation work. Twice in the past few years, there have been specific gas leaks that I detected and reported on Poplar Street. The earlier one was so strong and intense, it prompted having to leave our home and stay with friends. The most recent one turned out to be a loose valve leaking gas that permeated our adjacent walls from a neighbor's home.

It is a fright and another sign of negligence on the part of Washington Gas. Our fear is real! My niece lives in Andover MA where gas explosions took out two houses across the street from her and more in her neighborhood. And she said there had been gas leaks and the odor of gas prior to the explosions. We need greater assurance and insurance that this will not happen in Washington DC and Georgetown. I, personally, need to be able to easily breathe clean quality air, without gas threat, as I have one lung, post cancer surgery.

Living with ongoing gas leaks is unnerving and unnecessary. There must be more accountability from Washington Gas and utility monitoring services..

Sincerely,  
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