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AGA responds to President Biden's use of Defense Production Act powers to fund electric heat pumps

Washington, D.C. – American Gas Association President and CEO Karen Harbert released the following statement today following President Biden's announcement of use of the Defense Production Act to accelerate electric heat pump manufacturing as part of his Investing in America agenda:

"Energy security is a top priority for AGA. We are deeply disappointed to see the Defense Production Act, which is intended as a vital tool for advancing national security against serious outside threats, being used as an instrument to advance a policy agenda contradictory to our nation's strong energy position. Increased use of natural gas has been responsible for sixty percent of the electrical grid's CO2 emissions reductions. This vital tool for emissions reductions and energy system resilience should not be unfairly undermined through misuse of the Defense Production Act."

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The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States. There are more than 77 million residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the U.S., of which 96

percent — more than 74 million customers — receive their gas from AGA members. Today, natural gas meets nearly one-third of the United States' energy needs.