

Natural gas is not the solution

Kudos for your editorial "Energy policy needs more than a veto" (Our View, Feb. 26). I especially appreciate that you highlighted Mark Jacobson's research that suggests the U.S. can supply all our energy needs via renewables by 2030, if only we committed ourselves to that effort, and you quoted Jacobson's assertion that natural gas is not needed.

I only wish you had directly addressed your message to Gov. Charlie Baker, who insists on pursuing plans for more natural gas pipelines, compressor stations and power plants.

Please tell Gov. Baker and state Rep. Patricia Haddad that they must stop looking for simple natural gas solutions and instead start promoting renewable energy. We must do it not because it is as easy as natural gas, but because we must and we choose not to run away from our responsibilities. As President Kennedy said, we choose to go to the moon "because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win."

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