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## This loophole is outrageous, allowing companies that are profitting off the citizens of Texas to leave them freezing in emergencies. WE ARE IN A FOSSIL-FUEL CREATED CLIMATE EMERGENCY!! Recognize it and take action! Gas companies MUST be required to weatherize.

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We don?t have a choice. We are at the mercy of the Texas Railroad Commission to protect and serve our needs, not the desires of the large corporations for profits. Success and reward should be linked to providing stellar and dependable service to ALL Texans. Failure to provide adequate services to all should be met with meaningful fines that are enforced to the fullest and used to resolve the criminal act of profits over people. Don?t reward negligence.

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Last Feb, i was undergoing treatment for lymphoma and was frozen out of my house for six days

My daughter in Austin didnt get rolling blackouts either.. just dead power for seven days.

The power companies need to update their weatherization and pay for it themselves

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The TRC's systematic failure to ensure corporate/individual profits instead of basic services for Texans proved to be costly and fatal to the citizens of this State. You are responsible to legitimately oversee and regulate the industry, not chum around with wealthy benefactors refusing to winterize because it's hard. Yes, it IS hard, but YOUR job is to ensure heat so that Texans don't lose their homes from frozen pipes or worse, die, like so many did in 2021.

### If you cannot eliminate the loophole for weatherization and cause those in the industry with corporate and individual profits last February to winterize, you're in the wrong job. Resign.

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I pay money every month for power to run the various electrical equipment whenever I need it. It is your duty to see that there are regulations in place and equipment adjusted to sustain any cold snaps or hot days for any length of time or highs or lows of the temperature. Just because these extremes do not happen often or regularly does not mean you can allow loopholes that will not cover the extremes in temperature. You are elected to oversee and protect the consumers, your electors, not to help oil and gas suppliers to make more money. Close those loopholes!

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I am very concerned that we're going to have a bad winter and that it will be a repeat of last winter, It's nice that the Texas Legislature passed legislation requiring the gas companies to weatherize. However, I'm very concerned about the loophole that allows these gas companies to opt out of weatherizing by paying a \$150 fee. Please, please close this loophole.

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Mr. Wright - I did not vote for you in 2020, because I felt that another candidate would be more attuned to the needs of Texans and the environment. We must winterize the gas supply lines. We must prepare for colder winters and hotter summers. Now, you have the opportunity to insure that all gas facilities could be required to prepare for emergencies and not opt out. The State of Texas has elected you. Please respond to the citizens and not the many other factors that bombard our politics. I always vote.

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Because of the mess last winter my son's pipes burst and he is very low income, so this better not happen again as we people cannot afford the expense of busted pipes. Fix this mess we people should not go without electric in the dead of winter, my son is ill and needs his heat same as I do as I am an elder and live in a mobile home same as my son I was lucky my pipes held up but that not saying they can always. Stop this madness from people taking advantage of us.

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As a senior citizen I am particularly concerned that another deep freeze would be disastrous, if not fatal, for hundreds of folks like me. I do understand that one oil and gas lobbyist has more influence than thousands of senior citizens, but if we have another incident like last winter, thousands of seniors will make sure to vote against legislators and railroad commission members who are complicit in the cronyism and incompetence that still allows power grid and gas pipeline operators to put profits over the lives of constituents and customers.

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While I live in the regulated Texas Panhandle, my family, especially my grandchildren, live in Houston which is NOT regulated and subject to the "money grubbing" oil and gas manipulators. I don't want them going through what they went through last February. If the RR Commission doesn't bring this situation under control, the citizens of Texas are going to demand to rejoin the U.S. grid! Do your job to protect Texans and stop being the lackeys of special interests.

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I spent 5 days last winter in a 40 degree apartment alone and with hardly any water. It was a traumatizing experience, and other loved ones of mine went through even worse. When I think about this coming winter, I feel scared of my loved ones and myself going through the same thing. It is outrageous that we have not yet been able to relax and feel secure that our leaders are ensuring this won't happen to us again and to let those responsible off the hook. We will not stand for this. Fix the grid and hold those responsible accountable. We will not tolerate anything less.

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The freeze was certainly frightening, but it's not the only concern with electrical power supply. I want to live in a world where I don't lose power every few weeks or so due to various unknown factors, and where I know that my use of the grid does not strain other communities during power shortages. I may not have lost power during the June heatwave, but other people further inland might not have been so lucky.

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We were the lucky ones - our apartment was small and well insulated enough that no pipes broke, and while the whole city lost water pressure, we always had at least a trickle to fill up a bucket with to flush and hand wash. The power to boil the water came back after ONLY 2.5 days, and we had enough drinking water left over from flood preparations. Thank God that unlike the Texas grid, my car was newfangled and efficient enough that we could use it as a heater/ phone charger while we doomed scrolled obsessively to see when the power and water would be back.

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# HOW can it be more profitable to NOT winterize the fuel suppliers? Surely the expense to weatherize would be less than the almost \$300 billion in damages from the February 2020 Texas freeze!! And it would provide a great positive PR slant for everyone involved in DOING THE RIGHT THING.

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People replace government when the government fails to protect the people. It is obviously time for the Texas Railroad Commission to leave.

We have put forth the following question and not received an adequate answer: "Why is the power grid failure in February 2021 not considered a terrorist attack?"

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I was affected with the power outages this past winter and would not wish it again on my worst enemy. Do your part to protect the humans in this state, without us the state won't run too well. You might also want to consider putting big business on their own grid. I know that most buildings in the state as well do not have their infrastructures up to winterization code, so they blast the heaters in the buildings so pipes don't burst. We now have global weather as I like to put it, this is our reality and it needs to be handled accordingly.

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My family in Corpus Christi went without electrical power for 4 days in freezing weather last February. The possibility that this may occur again if the Railroad Commission won't require winterization of natural gas facilities is inexcusable. This is your chance to get it right. Please don't let the people of Texas down.

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Not only should the loophole be closed but there need to be facility inspections to ensure the

weatherizations have been successfully completed! Should a repeat of February 2021 occur,

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The freeze of February, 2021 disrupted the lives of many Texans. My brother?s assisted living had frozen pipes and the facility is still not ready to accept its elderly residents again! They have all had to be placed in other facilities or go live with a relative, disrupting all of these lives. This must never be allowed to happen again!

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### Having electricity, especially during extreme weather, is absolutely essential and the state must provide for the basic safety of its citizens. With the climate crisis, extreme weather will happen more frequently and we must prepare and not pretend like all will magically be fine.

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### Fix the problem! Linda Hollar, Dallas, TX

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What is really disgusting is that the same thing happened almost exactly 10yrs to the day ago during the Super Bowl freeze. The electric grid suppliers/providers were warned and tasked with upgrading their systems but they DID NOTHING except make their obscene profits.

I am 72yrs old and this loss was devastating financially, physically and emotionally. I am still dealing with insurance and trying to restore my life to some sort of normalcy.

### I pray that the Commission will take any steps necessary to protect the public from the greed and incompetency of these charlatans!

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Governments assume the responsibility of insuring the safety of the public and collect taxes to fulfill that responsibility. I want to pay my taxes to an agency that is willing to support my needs. Insuring I have the power I need, when I need it, is your responsibility. Do Your Job. Thank you for past performance.

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Although I wasn't personally affected by the power and water outages in 2021 I know plenty of friends and families who spent several miserable days and nights dealing with broken pipes, having to sleep in their cars for warmth and using snow to flush toilets. It was a disgraceful show of the lack of leadership in this city. I encourage those in power to do their utmost to correct this glaring failure and prevent this catastrophe from happening again.

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## Don't want to go through a similar experience again; lived in Michigan for 21 years and never had to go through the nightmare I did here in Texas- just because the poor companies you regulated would have to pay for winterization: give me a break and find the cojones to act.

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# My home was destroyed during the climate-change related Texas freeze last February, a failure of governance let alone good governance. Please urgently require weatherization to avoid recurrence, and don't allow industry lobbying or narrow interests in profit to block or water down such requirements!

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### I was personally affected by the Feb 2021 freeze and lost power for a long time. I want to make sure this doesn't happen again.

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## This loophole is unacceptable! These companies have pocketed their profits for decades instead of weatherproofing their infrastructure. They must be forced to upgrade their facilities. Do your jobs and protect the lives of the Texans you represent.

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### Having lived through the storm I think every Texan should want utilities held accountable for the fiasco that could have been averted with proper planning. Eliminate the loophole.

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#### I had a baby during the winter storm, and it was only because I fell severely I'll that I was not forced to go home without power or water with a newborn. Protect families, protect Texans, put our lives over the convenience amd greed of companies.

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My husband and I huddled with our teeth chattering for 31 hours until our power was restored. The temperature inside our house dropped to 39 degrees. I lost a number of tropical houseplants. Fortunately no one in my family died. What a travesty that an energy leading state like ours could not find the political will to protect its residents.

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You are doing a lousy job managing the electric grid. We need to join either the West Coast grid or the East Coast Grid. It should be mandatory to winterize and maybe you shouldn't shut down plants for no reason when everybody knew a big storm is coming. Have you done anything about the World dying from climate warming. Tomorrow will be too late.

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We need to actually winterize this equipment and REQUIRE them to winterize it. Random freezes like these are going to be happening. We need to prepare for them, rather than pushing it off to the future. ERCOT said rotating power outages. I'm one of the families who was with no power for 40 hours, then 5 hours on, then 19 hours off. We were lucky. That we still had gas, water, and could use our stove to cook. That our house was insulated enough to only get to 50 degrees at the worst of it. But not many were as lucky.

Stand strong against the companies and require them to winterize. Or the next time this happens, it's going to be worse. At least solar and wind came up faster than oil. If we were only oil, we would have suffered more.

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Last year was our first full winter in Texas and we had no heat, frozen pipes and quite a bit of damage when the power went out for several days and no one could tell us when it would come back on or provide any support. We lived 'up north' for 60+ years and that never came close to happening not even once. It was embarrassing to have to explain the total power (and political) failure and resulting damage to family and friends in other parts of the country. Texas got a serious, reputation damaging, well deserved black eye for its failure to prepare for the inevitable, please do not allow this to happen again.

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