# Bradley M. Campbell's Post

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Chris Horner's recent attack on Office of Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey's clean energy policies in The Wall Street Journal (WSJ)("The Left's Climate Dreams Hit Energy Reality," Nov. 28) parrots the perennial and unfounded argument that more natural gas infrastructure will lower electricity bills in already too-gas-dependent states from Virginia to Massachusetts.

Horner faults Healey for purportedly 'blocking' gas pipelines as the Commonwealth's Attorney General, citing Healey's filing in a case that Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) brought on my watch as president. Contrary to Horner's accusation, Healey's (and CLF's) position had nothing to do with particular pipelines. Her position was simply that utilities could not lawfully tax ratepayers to finance pipelines where there is no market demand for the capacity – an anti-tax, pro-market position that the WSJ editorial page typically embraces.

Healey's (and CLF's) position was vindicated by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Had it not, ratepayers would have yet another surcharge on their already ballooning bills and be even more vulnerable to volatile and skyrocketing natural gas prices. The U.S. Energy Information Administration's short-term outlook forecasts a 16% rise in pipeline gas prices in 2026; spot prices are projected to double from 2024 to 2026. LNG exports are projected to increase 33% and will rise even more as the massive expansion of LNG export capacity approved by both the Biden and Trump Administrations comes fully online and diverts even more of our domestic gas supply overseas. More pipelines to transport more expensive natural gas to consumers on pipelines they will subsidize for decades is decidedly not a path to affordability.

Unlike Horner, who is regularly the fossil fuel industry's paid attack dog on climate issues, Healey and other Northeastern governors know from these data that a gas-dependent future is decidedly not the path to affordability and that renewables and energy efficiency demonstrably can be, if done at scale.

Renewables are also the path to greater grid reliability. Horner points to the New England grid in raising the specter of power outages if clean energy policies continue, but that grid's operator just last month issued its winter outlook and found no reliability threat in the region. The report specifically highlighted the importance to reliability of Healey's offshore wind and hydro power procurements -- procurements the natural gas industry relentlessly opposed precisely because they would suppress long-term electricity prices.

To be sure, Horner is right to be concerned about increased outages, which are indeed a threat to affordability. But recent industry data make clear that those increased outages are attributable almost exclusively to new weather extremes driven by climate change – the very threat that demands clean energy leadership like Healey's.

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**Phil Coupe** 1h

In gas-rich fracking states like Pennsylvania, you'd think (wrongly) that it would be dirt cheap: https://penncapital-star.com/energy-environment/frackings-broken-promise-to-pennsylvania/

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**Edmund Carlevale** 2h

What a great post Bradley M. Campbell, though I think you may be misjudging Healey. MIT partnered with Putin and Russian oligarch Viktor Vekselberg in 2010 to develop Russian shale and advanced weapon systems at the MIT-Russia Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology and Healey didn't bat an eye. Disgraced former CIA director John ("Mega") Deutch, who received a "Marc Rich" pardon in 2001 from Bill Clinton for repeated violations of U.S. national security, installed Jeffrey Epstein at the Media Lab and paid his handler, Joi Ito, a million dollars to take care of him. When a whistleblower leaked emails to the New Yorker, Deutch brought in the Paul Weiss law firm to stage the most over-the-top coverup imaginable of what Epstein and his partner Ehud Barak were actually doing at the Media Lab. And Healey has personally seen to it that the only person who has paid any price for this staggering corruption is the research scientist who blew the whistle on the fraudulent OpenAg project. Aaron Swartz' suicide, the repeated victimization of Virginia Giuffre, the for-profit Capital Plan that raised $6 billion but never shared a cent of it with any faculty or student — Maura Healey on the board of the MIT Corporation — cont

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**Chris Wilke** 13h

If they were trying to lower your gas bills they would not be building LNG export facilities and power hungry data centers.

Conclusion: they are not trying to lower your energy bills, but they sure like to say it because they think you'll fall for it and go along for the ride.

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**Emily Norton** 14h

Thank you for calling out the lies and obfuscation. It's exhausting tracking it all. Those pipelines would have gouged consumers to enable utilities to export more gas to Europe. So much gaslighting

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Posts like this are so helpful for folks like me. Very informative. Thank you!

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