



The Arlington Chamber of Commerce is opposed to HB 1934 requiring local government approval for the installation or replacement of gas distribution pipelines in residential subdivisions. The SCC has regulatory authority over such projects, and they have the technical capacity to exercise that oversight. Creating a parallel local regulation would require additional evaluation by localities for gas pipeline projects, including safety and maintenance projects, adding cost and time to complete the project. Moreover, HB 1934 could also raise the cost and complexity of other local infrastructure projects, including stormwater and flood mitigation projects, if they require gas pipeline relocation or replacement. As such, the Chamber encourages the subcommittee not to recommend reporting the bill.