

## **BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IN 'HOT WATER' AFTER EVEN MENTIONING GAS STOVE BAN By Scott Humm**



*The **Biden Administration** has been trying to motivate the **Consumer Products Safety Commission** ([cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov)) to put forth additional voluntary regulations on gas stoves.*

Due to their inherent leaks to varying degrees, gas stoves have become a, pardon the pun, a hot topic after President Biden stated in December that “We need to be talking about

regulating gas stoves, whether that’s drastically improving emissions or banning gas stoves entirely.”

Proponents of climate change, as well as those worried about the specific public health impacts inferred, have raised concerns that, even when turned off, various pollutants such as *formaldehyde*, *carbon monoxide*, *methane*, and *nitrogen dioxide* can leak from gas stoves. Research suggests that such leakage, especially from nitrogen dioxide, can contribute to varying degrees to cardiovascular health problems, and can cause inflammation of airways, and even possible asthmatic episodes among residents living in households that use gas stoves for cooking.

Even to whatever degree you might accept the health research, an equally inconclusive impact to global warming has been noted among detractors.

Citing potential costs to consumers and restaurants, Republicans in the U S House of Representatives have forced the Biden administration to backpeddle on its original broad stance, which has been modified away from an outright ban, and towards additional voluntary regulations for gas stoves and their use.

**Alexander Hoehn-Saric**, chairman of the CPSC recently (and rationally) clarified the history of what started out as a ban of gas stoves into a more moderate and realistically additional bit of unfortunate Bidenesque bureaucracy. No, to be clear, Jochu-Saric did NOT criticize the President, but he has seemed to put this somewhat silly situation to rest for the moment.

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*The public can comment about this issue directly to the Consumer Products Safety Commission by calling 800-638-2772. In the meantime, the CPSC recommends that everyone be especially careful this winter when operating portable heaters and fireplaces. Not only are there potential fire hazards with heaters, but improperly cleaned and vented fireplaces can emit carbon monoxide, a naturally occurring gas that can be deadly when produced indoors in even moderate concentrations. For more information, visit [CPSC.gov](http://CPSC.gov).*