

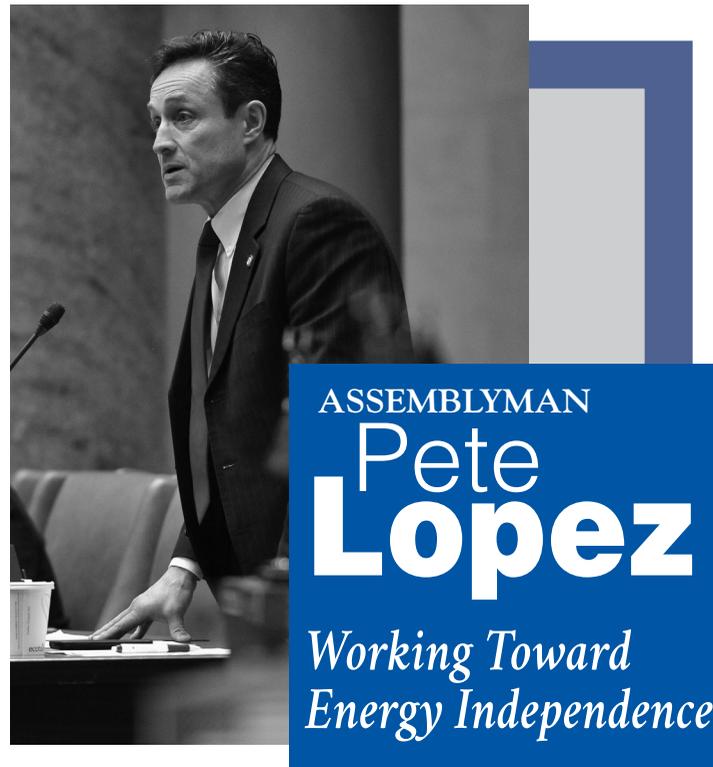
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Dear Friends,
Not too long ago, we all were reeling from home heating oil price spikes and auto fuel prices that pushed many of our households, farms and businesses beyond their financial means. We found ourselves forced to make serious changes in our lives as too many of us were pressured to choose between putting food on our tables

or fuel in our cars or home heating oil tanks.

Here in Albany, I continue to be frustrated by the inertia surrounding our energy equation. Energy conservation plus alternative energy equal sustainability and a better quality of life. Furthermore, advancements in technologies can yield lower costs for powering our homes, farms, and businesses while simultaneously giving us more freedom from big utilities and energy cartels.

As your representative, I will continue to press for short-term strategies and long-term solutions for our energy problems. The health and well-being of our people, state, and nation depend on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete".

Assemblyman Lopez's Keys to Achieving Energy Sustainability

I. Educating the Public

Without useful knowledge of the available options, we will never be able to make truly informed decisions on how we use energy in our homes, schools and businesses.

That is why Pete is working hard to share insights on energy conservation and alternative energy technologies. With more information about these practices and resources, we can effectively put them to work in our communities.

II. Incentives for Consumers

Humans are creatures of habit. Driven by past practices and the comfort of our routines, we are slow to make changes.

Even so, the prospect of a "good bargain" tends to capture our attention. A "Two for One" sale or "Falling Prices" may move us in new directions.

Assemblyman Lopez recognizes that while we all are now fully awake on the energy issue and realize the need for energy independence and a cleaner environment, we are not likely to move toward sustainability as a society unless our personal finances or an interruption in our traditional energy supplies push us there.

Pete understands price matters and that government can play a role in helping advance conservation and alternative energy choices by offering consumers incentives to make personal investments in alternative energy and energy conservation.

III. Support Emerging Businesses and Technologies

Part of the challenge in shifting to a sustainable economy is ensuring that our businesses and other entrepreneurs have the financial resources, regulatory flexibility and marketing opportunities needed to survive and prosper.

In many instances, these emerging businesses are financially fragile and can all too easily fall flat in an evolving global marketplace.

Government can play a role in providing access to capital (including potential subsidy for start-ups), offering marketing assistance and technical support, and providing a proactive regulatory environment that gives businesses an opportunity to take root and offer products and services to the community.

Building Sustainable Communities...

Assemblyman Pete Lopez recognizes that our reliance on foreign oil and heavy energy consumption patterns were arrived at over a long period of time. To reverse course, we must revisit the practices that foster dependence and make steady, deliberate changes in how we live and do business.

Pete believes that we can be the agents of change - driving it from within our own homes and communities. With that belief, Assemblyman Lopez is working with homeowners, farms, schools, business owners and others to advance projects within the 102nd Assembly District that will bring them affordable technology.

Pete also recognizes that costs and regulations need to help support thoughtful local decision making. To help move us in a positive direction, he continues to support a number of measures that seek to break down barriers and encourage more widespread energy conservation practices and use of renewable/alternative energy technologies.

The following are some of the bills that Assemblyman Lopez has supported:

A.5073 - Makes all biodiesel products that are produced, processed, and/or distributed in New York State free of state sales tax.

A.1953 - Creates a small business electric energy tax credit; specifies that the amount of credit shall be equal to the product of \$0.02 per kilowatt hour for all business-related electrical usage at the taxpayer's primary location; intended for businesses with no more than 19 full-time employees in New York State; determines that if the business is located at the primary residence of a sole proprietor, the business is not eligible for the tax credit.

A.4933 - Establishes a biofuel/biodiesel permit process task force administered by NYSERDA.

A.524 - Establishes a statewide green jobs development and recruitment strategy and creates tax incentives to attract green jobs.

A.7167 - Relates to school aid for the installation of alternative energy, including solar, wind or geothermal.

A. 5508 - Geothermal Sales and Use Tax Exemption - Exempts the purchase and installation of residential and commercial geothermal heat pump equipment from the sales and use tax.



Assemblyman Lopez fills his Jeep Liberty CRD with biofuel.

A.2111 - Requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to make \$15 million available for the purpose of funding programs that seek to improve heating and cooling systems, with an emphasis on emission reductions and increased efficiency, for residential and multi-family building owners.

A.3096 - Net Metering/Credit for Excess Electricity - Provides that credits for excess electricity generated by customer generators subject to net energy metering by an electric corporation may be carried over indefinitely and used against any charges imposed by an electric corporation when the customer generator uses more electricity than such customer generates.