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*“Working-age Americans are struggling to pay for health care, even those with insurance, report finds”*

CBS News, 10/30/23

**“Car Owners Fall Behind on Payments at Highest Rate on Record”**

Bloomberg, 10/21/23

“Fed policymakers see rates staying high for ‘some time”

Reuters, 10/2/23



**Families are struggling.  
Here’s Assemblyman Ed Ra’s  
plan to help New Yorkers.**

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**Our state has an affordability crisis that is causing pain for many New Yorkers. And it's worse than we think.**



Energy bills continue to spike<sup>1</sup>



New York homeowners are among the highest-charged in the country<sup>2</sup>



New York is one of the top 10 highest taxed states in the country<sup>3</sup>

**We're working to make it better. My colleagues and I are pushing back to make New York more affordable for all:**

- ✔ Give families a break from state sales tax on gas, personal care products, household supplies and prepared meals at grocery stores (A.1690)
- ✔ Boost seniors' Enhanced STAR property tax exemption by increasing the income cap (A.2769)
- ✔ Reduce energy expenses by creating a Long Island office of the department of public service, with a consumer advocate for residential customers, ensuring affordable, reliable and sustainable utilities for all (A.3366)
- ✔ Reduce personal income taxes by expanding the New York State value of the Earned Income Tax Credit from 30% to 45% of the federal amount (A.5442)

1. <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23686746-07019cb3-1716-4fad-b030-1139b47545b5-1>  
 2. <https://www.businessinsider.com/personal-finance/average-mortgage-payment#costs-included-in-a-monthly-mortgage-payment>  
 3. <https://turbotax.intuit.com/tax-tips/fun-facts/states-with-the-highest-and-lowest-taxes/L6HPAVqSF>



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