



Dear Friends,

Since the end of the legislative session last month, it has been a busy time for my staff and me as we continue our work to serve the District: meeting with residents, dealing with constituent issues, working to get state roads paved, and providing updates at town board and community meetings.

And, of course, the ongoing work on the Con Edison and NYSEG rate cases, including my recent testimony in front of the Public Service Commission (PSC) opposing Con Edison's requested rate increase.

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### **Pushing Back Against Con Edison & NYSEG**

As many of you know from my [previous newsletters](#), my office has been taking a deep dive into the rate cases before the Public Service Commission (PSC) filed by Con Edison and NYSEG.

I became an “intervenor” or party in the cases earlier this year, after the company filed for an 11.4% increase in electric rates and a 13.3% increase in gas rates. **I have submitted interrogatories, direct testimony and rebuttal testimony, appeared at public hearings, and now am participating in the rather grueling process of confidential settlement negotiations.** These negotiations are among all the intervenors, with the goal of arriving at a joint proposal to submit to the Department of Public Service (the staff arm of the PSC), who in turn will make recommendations to the PSC regarding rate decisions.

**My staff and I also recently intervened in the case filed by NYSEG for a 23.7% rate hike on its residential customers’ average monthly electric bill and a 33.5% hike on the average monthly gas bill.** [Click here to read my statement regarding NYSEG's requested rate increase.](#)

*(NYSEG customers: If you have not already done so, I encourage you to complete our [online utility feedback form](#), which has been created for residents of the 92nd, 93rd, and 95th Assembly Districts. This feedback will be incorporated into the testimony I submit in the NYSEG rate cases. My thanks to all who have responded!)*

**I will continue to push back strongly against these unconscionable requests, calling on the PSC to reject them in their entirety.** In the meantime, I will continue to keep you informed throughout the process.

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## **The Far-Reaching Impact of the “One Big Beautiful Bill”**

Many of you have asked me what the impact of the “One Big Beautiful Bill,” recently signed into law, will have on New York State. I wish I had better news.

**The bill may be big, but it is hardly beautiful, and will have a devastating impact on many New Yorkers.**

Under the bill, approximately 300,000 of our most needy New Yorkers [are estimated to lose benefits](#) under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps. Moreover, with the new requirements that states share 15% of the cost of SNAP funding, along with the requirement that states cover an increased portion of the administrative costs, New York is now facing the need to provide an additional \$1.4 billion a year to ensure our residents don't go hungry.

On the health care front, the bill will result in [significant federal funding losses](#) for the state, including billions in annual funding for Medicaid and the Essential Plan (a health insurance program available to lower-income adults who do not qualify for Medicaid). According to the New York State Budget Director, Blake Washington, Medicaid cuts [could reach \\$3 billion next fiscal year alone](#), with an initial \$750 million hit immediately.

In all, 1.5 million New Yorkers are projected to lose their health insurance, effectively doubling the uninsured population of the state.

Hospitals will also be hard hit as a result, as newly uninsured residents will be forced to go to the emergency room for care, creating enormous fiscal strain. Some hospitals may be forced to close, resulting in residents needing to travel further (including by ambulance) to the next closest hospital. These impacts *literally* have life and death consequences.

**Rest assured, the legislature and the Governor will work together assiduously to mitigate the most severe impacts of these cuts. I will of course keep you posted.**

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### **Reminder to NYSEG Customers: An Opportunity to Enroll in Community Solar**

**Sustainable Westchester is offering NYSEG customers an opportunity to save on electricity costs through community solar.**

By enrolling in a Community Solar Project, you can reduce your monthly electricity bills by up to 5%—no solar panels required. This initiative allows you to support clean energy, lower your expenses, and take a step toward a more sustainable future. Best of all, you can cancel at any time with no fees or penalties.

Visit [www.SustainableWestchester.org/communitysolar](http://www.SustainableWestchester.org/communitysolar), click sign up, and select the Weaver or Country Route 14 project to begin your enrollment. If you have any questions, feel free to contact them at [solar@sustainablewestchester.org](mailto:solar@sustainablewestchester.org) or call 914-242-4725 ext. 112.

 **NYSEG CUSTOMERS**  
**SAVE WITH COMMUNITY SOLAR**

**SAVE ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL**  
Keep 5% of the earnings from your community solar share as savings

**NO SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION REQUIRED**

**FREE TO JOIN/CANCEL**

**HOW TO JOIN?**  
1. Visit: [SustainableWestchester.org/communitysolar](https://SustainableWestchester.org/communitysolar)  
2. Click "Sign Up"  
3. Select the "Weaver" or "Country Route 14" Projects

**FOR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT (HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL):**  
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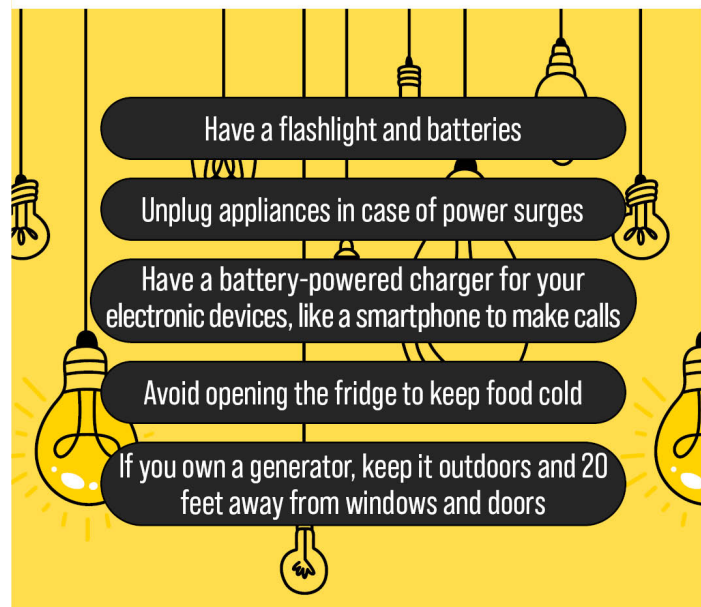


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### **Power Outages: Be Prepared!**

Extreme weather fueled by climate change is making power outages more frequent and more dangerous. Preparing now can help ensure you and your loved ones stay safe when the lights go out.

### **Safety precautions for power outages**



For more information, [please click here](#).

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### **The Essentials of Water Safety**

Did you know that the leading cause of death in children ages 1-4 is drowning?

**Water safety isn't optional. It's essential.**

Whether you're at the beach, pool or lake, taking a few simple precautions can help ensure we all have the tools to stay safe this summer.



For more water safety tips, [please click here](#).

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As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or if there is any assistance we can provide. You can always reach me at [burdickc@nyassembly.gov](mailto:burdickc@nyassembly.gov) or by calling (914) 244-4450. My staff and I are always ready to help.

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