

A Critical Pause for New York's Energy Future



I welcome the recently announced delay of the All-Electric Buildings Act implementation. This pause represents a meaningful acknowledgment that New York cannot rush into a statewide mandate without first ensuring grid reliability, affordability, and infrastructure readiness.

I've said from the beginning: New Yorkers deserve a voice in how they heat and power their homes. Mandates that ignore regional realities—especially here in the Hudson Valley—risk raising costs, overburdening families and placing enormous strain on a grid that experts say is not yet prepared.

I will continue pushing for energy policy that:

- Respects consumer choice
- Accounts for regional differences in weather and infrastructure
- Protects low- and middle-income families from unaffordable mandates
- Ensures reliability during extreme weather
- Prioritizes affordable, realistic pathways toward cleaner energy

This pause is a win—but the fight for fair, practical energy policy is far from over.

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Assemblyman Maher and Assembly Minority Secure Pause on All-Electric Mandate

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Over the past several weeks, we achieved a major win for families, small businesses, and local communities across the Hudson Valley. Following months of pressure from the Assembly Minority Conference—and the concerns raised by residents, builders, and local officials—New York State has agreed to pause implementation of the All-Electric Buildings Act mandate. This pause is the right move and reflects exactly what we've been fighting for: an energy transition that is **affordable, reliable, and grounded in real-world readiness**.

For too long, Albany's rush toward an all-electric mandate ignored the economic realities facing the people who would bear the cost. Many of you have already been strained by rising electric bills, unreliable infrastructure, and questions about whether the grid can support the massive changes the state is proposing. This pause finally gives the state an opportunity to listen to those concerns and acknowledge that forcing every new building to go all-electric—before the grid is prepared—would have put families, seniors, and small businesses at risk.

As we move forward, I will continue pushing for a balanced, bipartisan approach that includes a diverse mix of energy sources—natural gas, renewables, nuclear, and emerging technologies like hydrogen—while ensuring we invest in grid upgrades, support local affordability, and protect the unique needs of rural and suburban communities. Clean energy is an important goal, but the transition must be achievable, transparent, and fair for every community—not dictated by one-size-fits-all mandates from Albany.

You have my commitment that I will keep fighting for energy policy that puts reliability, affordability, and common sense first.

Sincerely,



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