

Dear Constituents,

New York's electrical grid does not have the distribution capability or capacity to accommodate the increased usage and stress that will result from electrification mandates.² While we need to upgrade our power lines, substations, and local networks, New Yorkers should have a choice in how they power their homes. That is why I co-sponsor the New York State Energy Choice Act; this will give communities the freedom to choose what works best for them while we let technology and grid upgrades meet twenty-first century market demands.



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NEW MANDATES. OLD GRID.

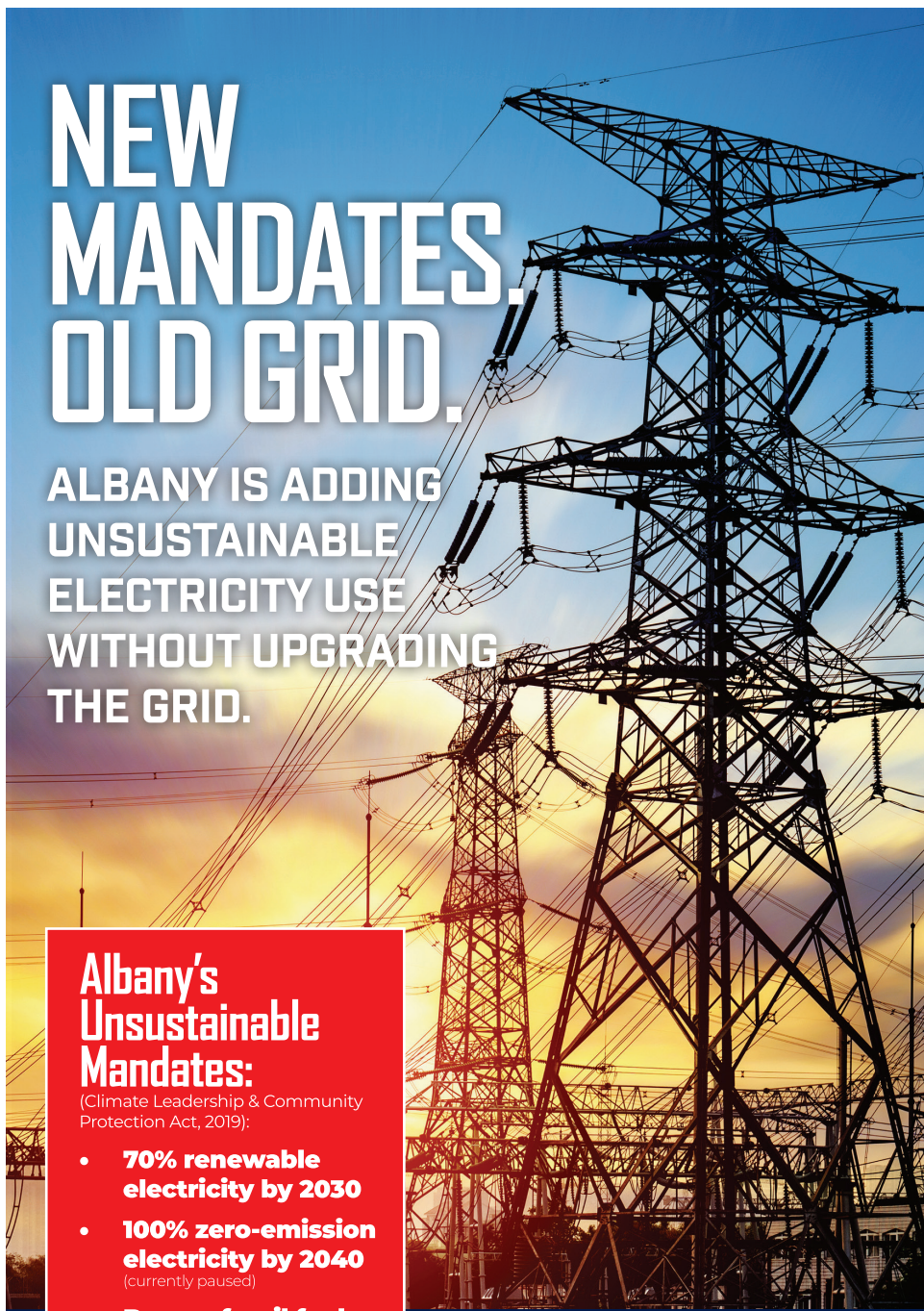
ALBANY IS ADDING
UNSUSTAINABLE
ELECTRICITY USE
WITHOUT UPGRADING
THE GRID.

Albany's Unsustainable Mandates:

(Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act, 2019):

- **70% renewable electricity by 2030**
- **100% zero-emission electricity by 2040**
(currently paused)
- **Ban on fossil fuel systems in new buildings starting 2026¹**

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The Grid Problem Made Simple:

■ POWER SOURCE

Power is made at plants (gas, nuclear, hydro, wind, solar).

■ TRANSMISSION LINES AND SUBSTATIONS

- It travels on big transmission lines.
- Substations and transformers step it down.

■ LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

Local wires bring it to homes, schools, and businesses.



Why New York's Grid Can't Keep Up

- Albany's 2019 Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act (CLCPA) required: 70% renewable electricity by 2030, 100% zero-emission electricity by 2040, and originally no gas in new buildings by 2026. (Pending an appeal in the Northern District of New York)¹
- That means much more electricity use: electric cars, heating, and new buildings.
- Problem: The grid is decades old, built in the 1950s-1970s, and not designed for this surge.
- Even according to the state's own Power Grid Study, achieving the 70 by 30 and zero-emission by 2040 mandates depends on significant transmission capacity increases to manage congestion and control costs.²
- Concerns: higher bills, more blackouts, and wasted clean power that can't reach consumers.³

Our Solution:

The Energy Choice Act. (A.8996)

WHAT IT WOULD DO:

- Let local communities opt out of CLCPA mandates.
- Give families and towns the right to choose what works best.
- Buy time to upgrade the grid first, so when we add more demand, the system can actually handle it.

(1) www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/ny-all-electric-building-law-delayed

(2) www.nyscrda.ny.gov/-/media/project/Nyserda/Files/Publications/NY-power-grid/appendix-E.pdf

(3) <https://www.cityandstateny.com/policy/2026/02/climate-law-mandates-could-cost-new-yorkers-4000-higher-energy-bills-state-analysis-shows/411735/>

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