

New York Is Facing An Energy Affordability Crisis⁴

Assemblyman Smullen Wants You To Know The Truth

Electricity prices for residential consumers have **risen 58.1%** since 2019.¹

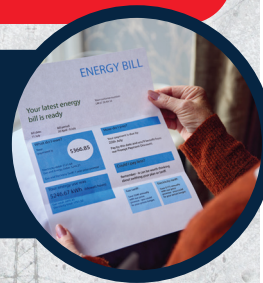


The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has expressed **concerns about grid reliability in the near future.**²



NYSERDA* confirms expenses could exceed **more than \$4,100** per household.³

* New York State Energy Research and Development Authority



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Families and businesses across the Mohawk Valley and Adirondacks are struggling with skyrocketing utility bills.⁵

Assemblyman Robert Smullen is supporting common-sense solutions to bring relief to ratepayers, restore energy reliability and protect taxpayers from costly mandates.



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This is why I support the LOWER Plan, which would:

- ✓ **Return unused NYSERDA funds to ratepayers (A.8876-A)**
Sends surplus state energy funds back to residents as **utility bill credits**, helping lower monthly energy costs.
- ✓ **Allow school districts to opt out of the zero-emission bus mandate (A.2005)**
Gives local schools **flexibility to avoid costly mandates**, helping protect school budgets and local taxpayers.
- ✓ **Protect access to natural gas and other heating options (A.6796)**
Ensures homeowners and businesses can **continue using affordable heating systems**, preventing forced and expensive upgrades.
- ✓ **Require notice when energy supply rates spike (A.1270)**
Requires utilities to **alert customers when rates jump significantly** and connect them with bill assistance programs.
- ✓ **Develop protections against costly capital improvements** by having developers pay for infrastructure needs associated with new projects.

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If you have concerns about your utility bills and are unable to reach your provider, please contact our office at **315-866-1632. We are here to help!**