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LIGHTS ON WITH
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Making New York More Affordable

A.9189 — Upstate Energy Choice Act

Would limit New York's restrictions on fossil-fuel equipment in new construction and state-facility decarbonization planning requirements to New York City.

A.9308 — School Bus Choice

Would remove the electric-school-bus purchase mandate and give each school district superintendent authority to determine the types of school buses the district purchases, operates, and maintains.

A.10082 — CLCPA Repeal

Would repeal the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and make related conforming changes to state law.

A.9221 — Building-Electrification Repeal

Would repeal provisions restricting fossil-fuel equipment in new construction and provisions establishing decarbonization action plans for state-owned facilities.



Local Decisions Deserve Local Voices

A.4682 — Local Referendum for Siting

Would require voter approval in the host municipality before a final permit may be issued for a major renewable-energy facility covered by the bill.

A.8996 — Local Opt Out

Would allow local governments to opt out of specified CLCPA mandates, benchmarks, and related universal-electrification requirements by filing a resolution with the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Giving Families More Room in the Household Budget

A.7023 — Sales-Tax Exemption for Infant Necessities

Would exempt specified infant- and small-child care and safety items, including strollers, car seats, mattresses, and cribs, from state sales and use taxes, while allowing New York City to opt out for local taxes.

A.10756 — Child Day Care Property-Tax Exemption

Would authorize counties, cities, towns, villages, and school districts to adopt a full or reduced real-property-tax exemption for property used to operate a licensed child day care.

A.10724 — Income-Tax Exemption for Families with Young Children

Would exempt the first \$250,000 of income from state personal income tax for taxpayers with New York adjusted gross income of up to \$5 million who claim at least one dependent under age five.

A.10725 — Child Care Savings Program

Would establish child care savings accounts for qualified licensed-child-care expenses, provide state tax treatment for qualified contributions and withdrawals, and authorize matching funds for eligible account holders.



Protecting the People Who Protect Our Communities

A.3329 — Obstructing a Police Officer *(Co-sponsor)*

Would create a class E felony for intentionally interfering with a police or peace officer's official duties through specified conduct, including spitting or throwing liquid, pushing, shoving, kicking, physically impeding, or other physical contact.

A.3217 — HALT Act Repeal *(Co-sponsor)*

Would repeal the Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement Act and make related changes to provisions governing segregated confinement and residential rehabilitation units.

A.6121 — State Police School Resource Officer Unit *(Co-sponsor)*

Would establish a school resource officer unit within the Division of State Police and allow school districts and specified education boards to request placement of a member at a school facility.

A.5224 — Targeted Offenses Against First Responders *(Co-sponsor)*

Would add actual or perceived employment as emergency medical services personnel, a firefighter, or a law-enforcement officer to the characteristics that can support hate-crime treatment for specified offenses.





Dear Neighbor,

Serving you in the state Assembly is about doing the patient, detailed work required to turn the concerns I hear at kitchen tables, schools, small businesses and town halls into specific legislation. In a process that can be crowded, fast-moving and, at times, chaotic, I work to be a steady and practical voice for Erie and Niagara counties—one that asks whether a proposal is affordable, workable, respectful of local communities and likely to improve daily life.

New York's challenges are not abstract. A June 2026 housing report ranked our state last among all 50 states and the District of Columbia for homebuilding and affordability, giving New York an F and a score of 8.5 out of 100. The report found that a household earning the state's median income would need to devote more than 55% of that income to afford a median-priced home of \$668,173. It also reported that New York issues far fewer building permits than its population would suggest and that a newly constructed home carries a premium of nearly 74% over an existing home.¹

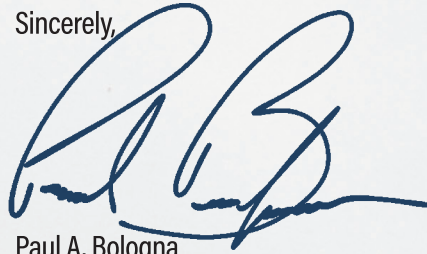
The report described a development process in which approvals, environmental review, permitting and inspections can stretch for years, adding expenses that are ultimately paid by buyers and renters. No single bill can reverse a problem built over many years, but that is not an excuse for inaction. It is a reason to identify specific burdens, propose clear remedies and keep working until practical ideas receive serious consideration.

Affordability must also guide how the state government spends taxpayer dollars. This year's state budget grew to approximately \$277 billion, more than \$128.8 billion above the \$148.2 billion budget enacted a decade ago.² It was completed 58 days late and included tax changes expected to collect additional revenue from New York employers and taxpayers, even as families continue struggling with housing, energy and everyday expenses. While the budget included temporary forms of relief, one-time payments cannot replace responsible long-term spending, meaningful oversight and policies that reduce the recurring costs making New York less affordable. I could not support the budget's overall fiscal direction and will continue pressing for greater accountability over how public money is collected and spent.³

I will continue working with anyone who is prepared to address affordability, preserve reasonable local authority, strengthen public safety and make New York a state where families can build a future. You may not agree with every proposal, but you should always be able to see what I am working on, why I believe it matters and where the bill stands.

I welcome your questions and experiences because the strongest case for change begins with the people who live under the policies Albany adopts.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Bologna

¹ The 10 Worst States for Homebuilding and Affordability in 2026—with New York Ranking Dead Last

² <https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy17archive/enactedfy17/FY2017FP.pdf>

³ <https://www.osc.ny.gov/files/reports/pdf/enacted-budget-and-financial-plan-report-1.pdf>

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