

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR LORIGO, MILLS, GREENE, TODARO**

Re: Support for S8481 and A8996 authorizing local governments to opt out of Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act mandates

WHEREAS, New York State’s universal electrification mandates arising from the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act are creating a crisis of energy reliability and utility costs; and

WHEREAS, New York State’s electrical infrastructure is not presently equipped to meet the increased demand resulting from statewide electrification requirements; and

WHEREAS, without sufficient infrastructure, technological readiness, or financial safeguards, these mandates place substantial pressure on taxpayers, local economies, small businesses, and public safety systems; and

WHEREAS, the financial impacts of these mandates are already contributing to increased costs for residents and businesses across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Western New York and communities across New York State deserve to retain the ability to make energy choices appropriate for their infrastructure capacity, fiscal conditions, workforce readiness, and community needs; and

WHEREAS, passage of S8481 and A8996 would protect public safety, energy freedom, and allow municipalities to make responsible, locally driven energy decisions based on practical realities rather than one-size-fits-all statewide mandates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Erie County Legislature supports the passage of S8481 and A8996; and

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature urges the New York State Legislature to promptly enact this legislation; and

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the New York State Governor, the Majority Leader of the NYS Senate, the Speaker of the NYS Assembly, and members of the Western New York delegation.