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10TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR

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Legislator John Bargnesi
Chair, Energy & Environment Committee
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Discussion on Intro. 4-4 and Intro. 4-6

Chair Bargnesi,

I am respectfully requesting a discussion regarding Intro. 4-4 and Intro. 4-6 which support legislation currently proposed in the NYS Assembly by Assemblyman Paul Bologna. The legislation supported by these resolutions calls upon the state to provide an opt-out clause to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) mandates and limits the prohibition on installation of fossil-fuel equipment in new construction to cities with a population of one million or more, respectively.

The goals of the CLCPA were always over-zealous, unrealistic, and bound to cause undue burden on residents. This has been highlighted by the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency's (NYSERDA) recent memo stating that enforcing the current timelines for energy and emissions mandates could cause costs to ratepayers to rise sharply, as well as Governor Hochul's recent efforts to roll back aspects of the law due to affordability concerns. NYSERDA estimates that Upstate NY households could see additional costs in excess of \$4,000 per year and up to 46% cost increases for small and medium commercial businesses.

The effects on energy prices projected by NYSERDA are alarming and emphasize the need to allow communities to make their own independent decisions on energy choice. To facilitate a discussion on these resolutions and the consequences of the CLCPA, I am requesting that the Clerk of the Legislature send invitations to representatives from National Fuel, National Grid, NYSEG, NYSERDA, and Assemblyman Paul Bologna to attend the next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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