

New York Is Facing an Energy Affordability Crisis⁴

Assemblyman Karl Brabenec Wants You To Know The Truth

Electricity prices for residential consumers
have **risen 70%** since 2019.¹

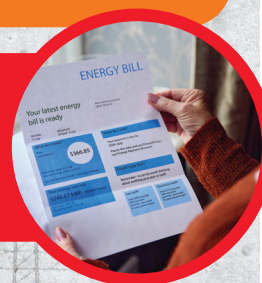


The New York Independent System Operator
(NYISO) has expressed **concerns about grid
reliability** in the near future.²



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

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

Assemblyman Karl Brabenec 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 NYSEDA 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.

1. <https://www.empirecenter.org/publications/new-yorks-electricity-prices-70-percent-above-the-national-average/>
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