

Dear Constituents,

New York's electrical grid does not have the distribution capability or capacity to accommodate the increased usage and stress that will result from electrification mandates.² While we need to upgrade our power lines, substations, and local networks, New Yorkers should have a choice in how they power their homes. That is why I sponsor the New York State Energy Choice Act, this will give communities the freedom to choose what works best for them while we let technology and grid upgrades meet twenty-first century market demands.



A Special Report from

PAUL
BOLOGNA
ASSEMBLYMAN

PRSR1 STD.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ALBANY, NEW YORK
PERMIT NO. 75

NEW MANDATES. OLD GRID.

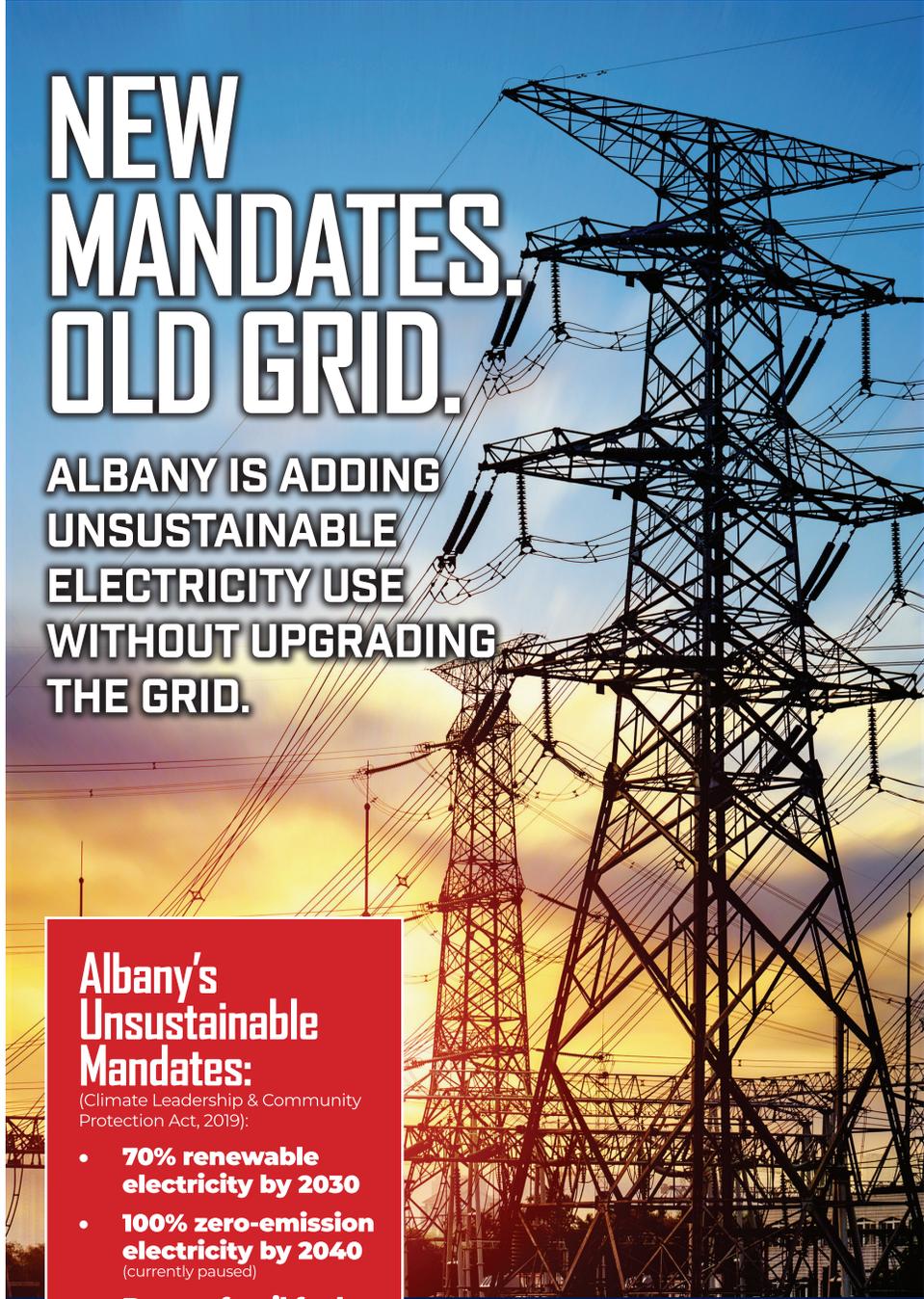
ALBANY IS ADDING UNSUSTAINABLE ELECTRICITY USE WITHOUT UPGRADING THE GRID.

Albany's Unsustainable Mandates:

(Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act, 2019):

- **70% renewable electricity by 2030**
- **100% zero-emission electricity by 2040** (currently paused)
- **Ban on fossil fuel systems in most new buildings starting 2026¹**

PAUL
BOLOGNA
ASSEMBLYMAN



The Grid Problem Made Simple:

■ POWER SOURCE

Power is made at plants (gas, nuclear, hydro, wind, solar).

■ TRANSMISSION LINES AND SUBSTATIONS

- It travels on big transmission lines.
- Substations and transformers step it down.

■ LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

Local wires bring it to homes, schools, and businesses.



Why New York's Grid Can't Keep Up

- Albany's 2019 Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act (CLCPA) required: 70% renewable electricity by 2030, 100% zero-emission electricity by 2040, and originally no gas in new buildings by 2026. (Pending an appeal in the Northern District of New York)¹
- That means much more electricity use: electric cars, heating, and new buildings.
- Problem: The grid is decades old, built in the 1950s-1970s, and not designed for this surge.
- Even under the state's own Power Grid Study scenarios, achieving the 70 x 30 and zero-emission by 2040 mandates depends on significant transmission capacity increases to manage congestion and control costs.²
- Concerns: higher bills, more blackouts, and wasted clean power that can't reach consumers.

My Solution

I introduced the **Energy Choice Act**. (A.8996)

WHAT IT WOULD DO:

- Let local communities opt out of CLCPA mandates.
- Give families and towns the right to choose what works best.
- Buy time to upgrade the grid first, so when we add more demand, the system can actually handle it.

¹ www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/ny-all-electric-building-law-delayed

² www.nyscrda.ny.gov/-/media/project/Nyserda/Files/Publications/NY-power-grid/appendix-E.pdf

For questions or concerns about this or any other state issue, please contact Assemblyman Paul Bologna at:

8180 Main St., Clarence, NY 14221 | 716-839-4691 | bolognap@nyassembly.gov

PAUL
BOLOGNA
ASSEMBLYMAN

