



September 5, 2025

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NY State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Signing S.8417/A.8888 to Protect New Yorkers from Skyrocketing Energy Bills

Dear Governor Kathy Hochul,

We, the undersigned members of the Legislature, respectfully urge you to sign [S8417 / A8888](#), a bill to repeal the “100-foot rule,” which forces families to pay more on their energy bills every month in order to expand the costly, outdated and polluting fracked gas system, boosting the profits of utility company shareholders.

Across New York State, families are struggling to afford their energy bills. This crisis is impacting millions of households, and by some accounts nearly [1 in 4 New York households](#) already cannot afford their energy bills. According to an estimate from the Alliance for a Green Economy, [1.2 million families](#) are two or more months behind on their energy bills and collectively owe more than \$1.3 billion to utility companies. At the same time, the Trump administration is [cutting funding](#) for federal energy assistance programs that thousands of New Yorkers rely on to get by.

When households are unable to keep up with their energy bills, utilities respond by cutting off essential service: last month, gas utility National Grid [shut off service](#) for 11,500 Upstate families and sent termination notices to an additional 55,000 families. Utility companies are exacerbating the crisis by continuously raising rates on regular New Yorkers to expand and repair an aging fracked gas system that is increasingly expensive and difficult to maintain.

New Yorkers should not be paying millions to companies that are abusing outdated laws in order to bring in record profits. Repealing the 100-foot rule would end this mandated surcharge, freeing families from the requirement that forces them to pay for the cost of entirely new residential hookups to the gas system (e.g., building a new home or converting from oil to gas). Customers located within 100 feet of a gas line may still install a new hookup to the gas system, but they will pay for it themselves, rather than forcing their neighbors to pay for it. In the recent Con Ed rate hike request, it proposes to take \$70 million out of customers’ pockets to cover the 100-foot rule.

This legislation also advances the State's energy transition by ending the forced expansion of fracked gas pipes at ratepayers' expense, addressing New York's climate and affordability crises simultaneously. As New Yorkers face another summer of extreme, climate change-fueled weather that includes dangerous heat waves and historic floods, repealing the 100-foot rule is more urgent than ever.

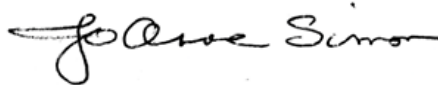
We appreciate your efforts to lower costs for New Yorkers and are encouraged by your promise to hold public utility executives accountable for increasing their own salaries while repeatedly raising the cost of energy for New Yorkers already struggling to pay their bills. Now, you can end this hidden tax that inflates utility profits on the backs of struggling New Yorkers.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to delivering together for the millions of New Yorkers who expect us to make their lives more affordable.

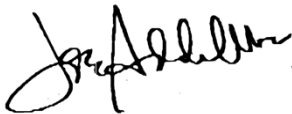
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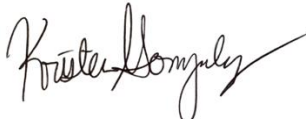
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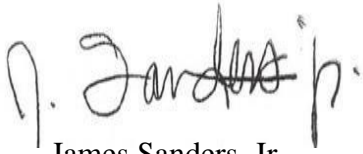
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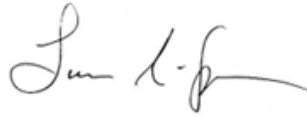
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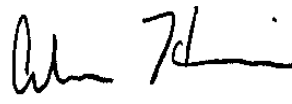
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