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

Honorable Rory M. Christian
Chairman, Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

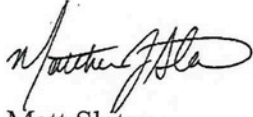
Dear Governor Hochul and Chairman Christian:

We are contacting you to express our deep concern regarding the rising cost of utilities across the Hudson Valley and the significant financial strain these increases are placing on ratepayers. The recent spike in supply costs, the introduction of NYSEG's new recovery charge, and the pending rate increase proposed by Con Edison are exacerbating an already dire affordability crisis for New Yorkers. Families and businesses in our towns and districts, like so many across the state, are struggling to keep up with these growing expenses.

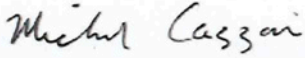
As elected officials of the 94th Assembly District, we hear daily from concerned residents who do not understand why their bills continue to soar. To that end, we are requesting (1) a formal review of the cost and factors responsible for the increasing bills received by utility customers, including supply and transmission costs, taxes, regulatory effects and surcharges, and (2) the steps being taken to mitigate these financial hardships, whether through regulatory action, policy reforms, or direct assistance programs aimed at reducing costs for both residential and commercial customers.

While it is essential to ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable energy, we urge you to prioritize relief and protections for consumers. New Yorkers cannot continue to absorb these never-ending increases in their utility bills. Swift and meaningful action is necessary to provide relief to Hudson Valley ratepayers. We look forward to your response and to working together toward solutions that will ensure affordability and reliable services for all.

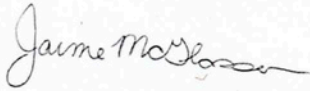
Sincerely,



Matt Slater
New York State Assemblyman
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Michael Cazzari
Town of Carmel Supervisor



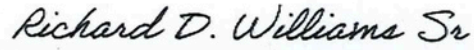
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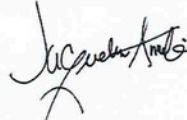
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