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## Rural Prosperity Now

Working to Build A Stronger  
Upstate New York For All

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*"I'm proud to support these commonsense proposals that strengthen rural communities by improving access to reliable energy, expanding broadband, and supporting the volunteer emergency services families depend on. These efforts are about ensuring rural New Yorkers have the tools and resources they need to grow, stay connected, and continue serving their neighbors."*

Chris Tague's push to  
advance rural prosperity

# Your Voice in Albany



# Rural Prosperity Initiative Would



## Fight For Energy Freedom

- Exempt wood burning from greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements.<sup>1</sup>
- Authorize schools to opt out of the zero-emission school bus requirements.<sup>2</sup>
- Allow municipalities to opt out of CLCPA requirements<sup>3</sup> such as
  - Carbon-free electric systems by 2040.<sup>10</sup>
  - Most new homes must be heated exclusively by electricity (currently pending litigation).<sup>10</sup>
  - Most new buildings must be electric beginning in 2029.<sup>10</sup>



## Expand Access To Broadband

- Expand regionally based internet access plans by decentralizing the broadband expansion process.<sup>4</sup>
- Incentivize businesses with remote staff to live or operate in rural areas of New York State.<sup>5</sup>
- Create a Rural Mobile Communications Fund for cellular coverage in rural areas.<sup>6</sup>



## Support Those Serving Their Community

- Create a \$2,500 income tax credit for volunteer firefighters and members of a volunteer ambulance corps.<sup>7</sup>
- Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for rural ambulance services.<sup>8</sup>
- Establish a model fire science curriculum that provides students with industry-recognized certifications in firefighting for public high schools.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup>A.2003 | <sup>2</sup>A.2005 | <sup>3</sup>A.8996 | <sup>4</sup>A.2378 | <sup>5</sup>A.1909 | <sup>6</sup>A.2024 | <sup>7</sup>A.1064 | <sup>8</sup>A.1928 | <sup>9</sup>A.10170

<sup>10</sup><https://www.syracuse.com/news/2024/11/theres-a-mind-boggling-gap-in-nys-plan-for-a-clean-electric-grid-we-are-so-far-behind.html?gift=bd7a2ae7-7eb9-483d-9857-c80914a996f610>

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