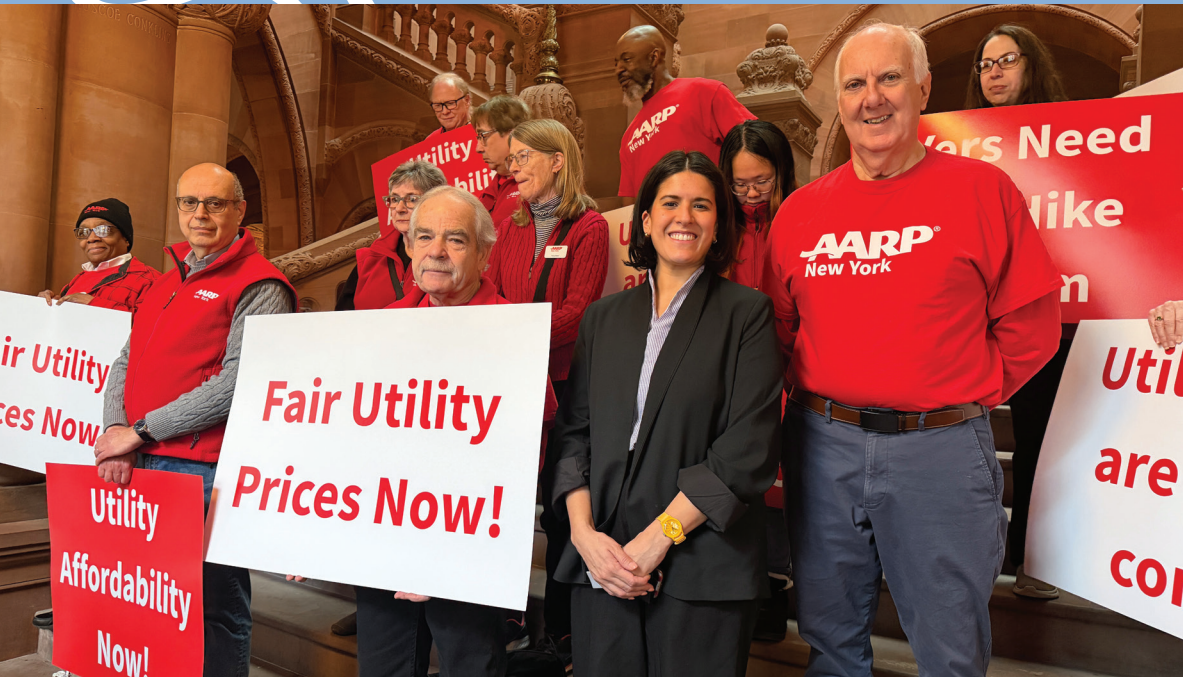


From the desk of Assemblywoman Gabriella A. Romero:

*Money Back in Your Pockets,
Bringing Down Utility Costs, Holding Corporations Accountable*



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Dear Neighbor,

As your Assemblymember, I am working hard to lower costs and reform the utility rate-making process to ensure fairness and transparency. I fought to expand eligibility for utility assistance to help ease the burden of

your utility bills in last year's budget. Learn more about EEAP and other programs that can save you money.

Utility Assistance is Available. Apply Today!

- NYS EAP (Energy Assistance Program) and EEAP (Enhanced EAP) provide monthly relief for low to moderate income households. For EAP visit dps.ny.gov/energy-affordability-program. For EEAP visit nyeeap.com/program.
- HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) and E-HEAP. (Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program) are income-based programs that can help with the cost of your home heating/cooling bills. Visit otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/ or call **1-800-342-3009** to apply.
- WAP (Weatherization Assistance Program) will assist in updating utilities for more efficiency, making energy usage decrease and bills cheaper. Visit myenergy.ny.gov or call **518-862-1090** to get started with a **free** home assessment.

When the Public Service Commission (PSC) allows big utility companies to increase their rates, it puts strain on working families and small businesses. I'm committed to making meaningful change to this system by pushing for legislation that will ensure consumers like you have a voice in this process.

This includes:

- Bill A.8150 to require utilities companies to **return excess revenue to their customers**
- Advocating for a **two-year pause** on any utility rate increases in this year's budget
- Working to include a **State Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate** in the budget to **fight for the interest of ratepayers** when utility companies try to increase their rates

As always, my office is here to help. If you need any further assistance or information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at the contact below.

Fighting for you,

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