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Robert Smullen's push to
 advance rural prosperity

*"Rural New Yorkers in the
 Adirondacks and Mohawk Valley
 face unique challenges, such as
 limited healthcare, access to aging
 infrastructure and economic hurdles.
 Assemblyman Robert Smullen, a
 retired Marine Corps colonel and
 lifelong advocate for upstate
 communities, is leading the charge
 for rural prosperity."*

Robert Smullen is a retired member of the U.S. Marine Corps.
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 does not imply endorsement by the Marine Corps or the
 Department of Defense.

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Rural Prosperity Initiative



Fighting For Energy Freedom

Assemblyman Robert Smullen sponsored legislation that would...

- Exempt wood burning from greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements.¹
- Authorize schools to opt out of the zero-emission school bus requirements.²
- Allow municipalities to opt out of CLCPA requirements.³
 - Most new homes must be heated exclusively by electricity (currently pending litigation).¹⁰
 - Most new buildings must be electric beginning in 2029.¹⁰
 - Carbon-free electric systems by 2040.¹⁰



Expanding Access To Broadband

Assemblyman Robert Smullen sponsored legislation that would...

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



Supporting Those Serving Their Community

Assemblyman Robert Smullen sponsored legislation that would...

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

¹A.2003 | ²A.2005 | ³A.8996 | ⁴A.2378 | ⁵A.1909 | ⁶A.2024 | ⁷A.1064 | ⁸A.1928 | ⁹(TBD)

¹⁰<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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