



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

Senator Gallivan Urges Governor to Veto Senate Bill That Would Impact Natural Gas Service

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100-Foot Rule Should be Preserved

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, (R-C, Elma) and members of the Senate Republican Conference are calling on Governor Hochul to veto legislation (S.8417/A.8888) passed during the final hours of the 2025 Legislative session that would eliminate New York's long standing "100-foot rule" for natural gas service.

The “100-foot rule” requires utilities to cover the cost of new gas service connections located within 100 feet of an existing main. The legislation approved by both the Senate and Assembly repeals the 100-foot rule, which will result in shifting these costs, which range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 per building, to residents and businesses. The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has also indicated eliminating the rule could accelerate an unsustainable transition, pushing more customers to depend on an already overstressed electric grid without adequate generation or storage capacity.

“New Yorkers are already struggling with affordability issues, and this legislation will drive energy costs higher and limit access to natural gas,” Senator Gallivan said. “Imposing unrealistic mandates on residents and businesses is not the answer to a smart and manageable energy policy. I urge the governor to veto this bill.”

In a letter to Governor Hochul, members of the Senate Minority Conference advocate for preserving the existing 100-foot rule.

“While we support the state’s commitment to a clean energy future, the path to that future must be practical, affordable, and reliable. Policies that undermine affordability and energy security, especially for working families, will only erode public confidence and deepen economic challenges.

Senator Gallivan voted against the bill, which passed the Senate 34-25. The Assembly approved the legislation on a vote of 83-62.

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to the provision of gas service to new customers

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Passed Assembly

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Do you support this bill?
