



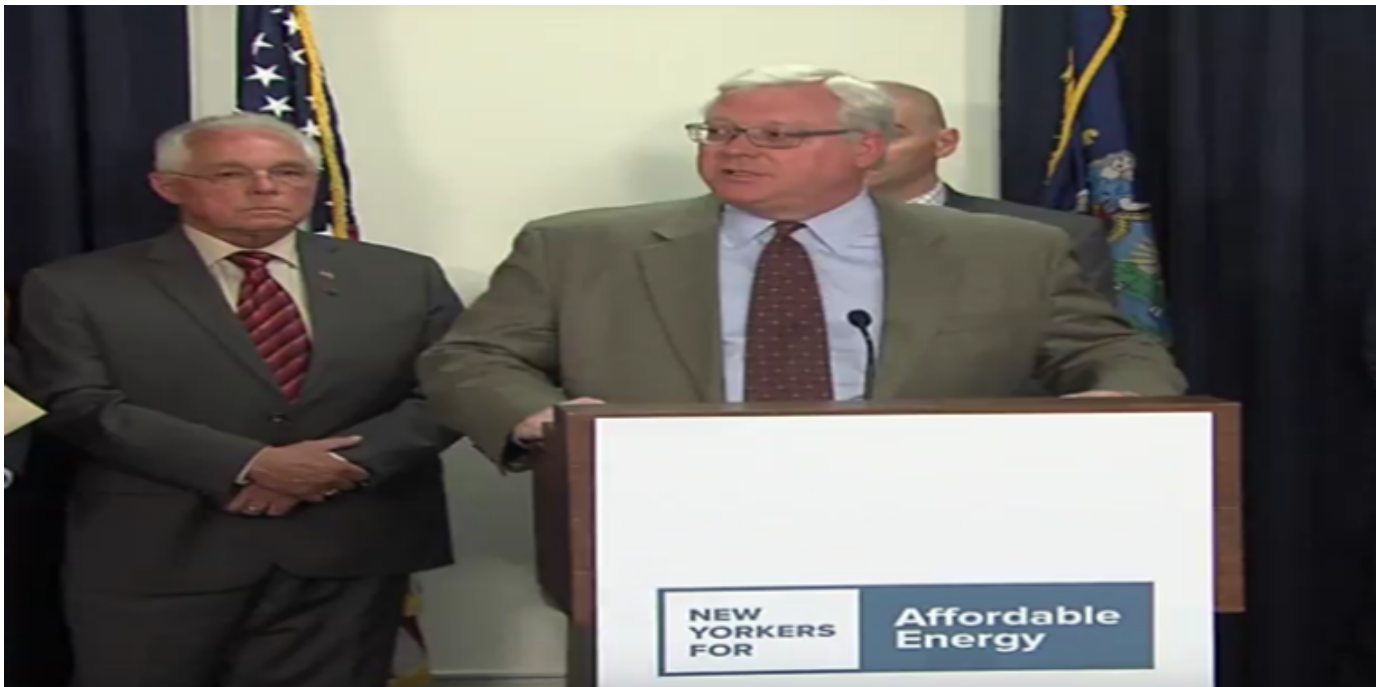
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O'Mara joins community, labor and business leaders to launch 'New Yorkers for Affordable Energy' ~ Read and watch more from today's news conference

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**Albany, N.Y., May 1**—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) and a bipartisan group of state legislators joined community, labor and business leaders from throughout New York

State to launch a new coalition called “New Yorkers for Affordable Energy.”

The goal of the new coalition is to support efforts to improve access to cleaner, reliable and affordable sources of energy for the state’s residential and business consumers. New Yorkers for Affordable Energy supports increasing access to natural gas for manufacturing, power production, transportation, and other purposes.

O'Mara, Chairman of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, said, “I appreciate and welcome the efforts of New Yorkers for Affordable Energy to highlight the importance of natural gas to the short- and long-term future of conservation, economic development, job creation and energy affordability in New York State. Natural gas has become a forgotten natural resource within our borders while it’s having an enormously positive impact across the nation for consumers and in terms of energy independence, job creation and the revitalization of manufacturing.”

**[[View Senator O'Mara's comments at today's news conference](#)]**

Coalition members include The Business Council of New York State, Inc., New York State Building & Construction Trades Council, Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, Independent Power Producers of NY (IPPNY), Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier, National Federation of Independent Business, NYS Conference of the International Union of Operating Engineers, NYS Economic Development Council, Unshackle Upstate, and the Upstate New York Laborers District Council.

More information can be found at **<http://www.affordableenergyny.com>**.