



## SENATOR JIM ALESI



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### **ReCharge NY Program Announces First Round of Allocations**



*New York State Partners with Businesses to Harness Lower-Cost Power for Economic Development*

Under the ReCharge New York (RNY) program, more than 500 businesses and not-for-profit organizations in New York State will be included in the first round of cost-saving power allocations. Recipients submitted applications for RNY through a consolidated funding application (CFA) process designed to spur economic development while taking into account job creation, capital investments, the surrounding region's economic development strategy and the applicant's commitment to energy efficiency.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, and as a former small business owner myself, I understand how important it is that New York State assists small businesses in any way possible. I supported legislation that enables the [New York State Power Authority](#) (NYPA), working with the Regional Economic Development Councils, to provide low-cost power allocation to businesses in the Finger Lakes region and throughout New York – providing these businesses opportunities to retain and create thousands of jobs. With the ReCharge NY program, New York is proving herself to be 'Open for Business.'

More than 1,000 applications were reviewed and the program recipients will receive nearly 600 megawatts for the first round of allocations. For a complete list of the RNY statewide awardees, please click [here](#).

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## Protecting Our Children



Whether it is in our local neighborhoods, on the playground or out in cyberspace, protecting children is the most important concern of every responsible parent. As your Senator representing much of Monroe County and the Greater Rochester Area, the safety and education of our community's children has always been my primary concern. For useful information on child safety, I encourage parents, guardians and family members to visit my website to download printable copies of various [brochures](#) and fact sheets. The page is designed to provide parents and guardians with a web-based, one-stop shop full of important information to help keep your kids safe. Together, we can act today to ensure that the leaders of tomorrow have the opportunity to grow up safe and secure. Please visit my [website](#) to view the brochures or click [here](#).

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## Local School Districts Awarded for Excellence in Music Education



Congratulations to several area school districts that were recently named to the "[Best Communities for Music Education](#)" list for 2012. Honeoye Falls-Lima, Penfield, Rush-Henrietta, Webster and West Irondequoit schools were among the 52 school districts in New York State to be named to the list. The competition has been sponsored by the [North American Music Merchants Foundation](#) since 1999 in an effort to help preserve and expand music programs as an invaluable component of education.

These five school districts earned this distinction for their commitment and support for music education programs in grades kindergarten through 12. I commend the local boards of education, school administration, faculty, staff, and most importantly, students, for their hard work and interest in music. Please join me in congratulating these school districts on receiving such a celebrated honor.

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