



November 17, 2025

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of the State of New York
Executive Chamber
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Subject: Special Session to Repeal the All-Electric Building Act

Dear Governor Hochul,

In light of your Administration's agreement to delay implementation of the All-Electric Buildings Act, a delay your administration previously opposed, we write to urge you to exercise your authority under Section 3 of Article IV of the New York State Constitution to call a special session of the Legislature to pass legislation repealing the all-electric building mandate.

Legislation to repeal this costly and misguided mandate - **S.1167 (Mattera) / A.6252 (Durso)** - has already been introduced and remains in committee awaiting action. While the stipulation filed with the District Court suspends enforcement for an indeterminate period, it only adds uncertainty for builders and homeowners. A mere "pause," as some members of the Assembly Democratic Conference have proposed, appears to be nothing more than a political maneuver to delay accountability until after the 2026 elections, like your Administration's decision to suspend congestion pricing prior to the 2024 election only to reverse course post-election. Such tactics are a disservice to the people of New York.

Since the passage of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) in 2019, our conference has repeatedly warned that the State's reckless rush toward an all-electric future is driving up energy bills and straining an already overburdened electric grid. The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has confirmed these concerns in its most recent report on grid reliability.

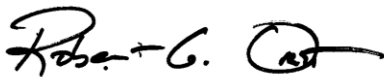
Homebuilders across the state have also sounded the alarm that the all-electric building mandate will increase the cost of a new home by approximately \$20,000.¹ Construction costs in New York already far exceed the national average—ranging from \$200 to \$350 per square foot for a standard home, compared to the national average of \$162.² In New York City, costs can approach \$500 per square foot.³

Residential electricity rates in New York are already 51% higher than the national average.⁴ Mandating homes to be powered solely by electricity will increase demand and drive these rates up even higher.

Beyond affordability, there are serious reliability concerns. Bringing large-scale developments online without adding new energy capacity risks power shortages and threatens grid stability.

The all-electric building mandate will only deepen New York's housing, energy, and affordability crises. For these reasons, we strongly urge you to call a special session immediately to repeal this disastrous policy, restore certainty for New Yorkers, and protect families and businesses from further economic and energy hardship.

Sincerely,



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¹ Plants, Ron. "State Law Forces 'All Electric' for 'Most New Building' Construction in January 2026. [NY to require all-electric new buildings by 2026 | wgrz.com](https://www.wgrz.com/story/news/politics/2025/01/26/ny-to-require-all-electric-new-buildings-by-2026/10444444002)

² National Association of Home Builders Study cost estimate. [Home Construction Cost Per SF by State - Home-Cost | Accurate Cost-to-Build a House Calculator](https://www.nahb.org/resources/research-and-statistics/home-construction-cost-per-sf-by-state)

³ NYC Estimating Services. [How Much Does It Cost to Build a Single Family Home in NYC](https://www.nyces.com/how-much-does-it-cost-to-build-a-single-family-home-in-nyc)

⁴ U.S. Energy Information Administration



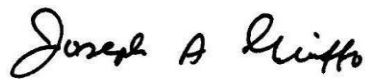
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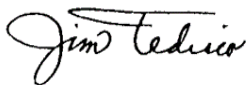
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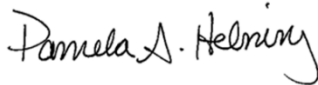
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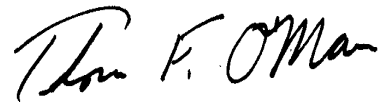
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