



December 12, 2025

The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We write to urge you to veto S8417 (Krueger)/A8888 (Simon), which is currently on your desk and would eliminate the “100-foot rule” for natural gas hookups to buildings, including residential homes.

Eliminating the “100-foot rule” means homeowners will have to pay the full material and installation costs for connecting to natural gas service, costs that can reach \$14,000 per home.<sup>1</sup> This comes at a time when developers and homeowners are already facing steep cost increases. Compliance with the 2025 Energy Code will add an estimated \$7,400 to the price of an average home<sup>2</sup> and the pending All-Electric Building Act, whose fate rests in the courts, carries an additional \$20,000 per home.<sup>3</sup> New Yorkers cannot absorb yet another major increase.

Natural gas remains an affordable, dependable energy source, powering roughly 4.5 million homes across New York. In the northern United States, natural gas is generally 40-60% cheaper than electricity for home heating.<sup>4</sup> With families across the state struggling under an affordability crisis, now is not the time to adopt policies that make home construction, and homeownership, even more expensive.

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<sup>1</sup> Takemura, Alison, *New Yorkers to Stop Paying for Other People’s Gas Hookups Under New Bill*. Canary Media. 25 June 2025.

<sup>2</sup> *Energy Savings and Cost Effectiveness Analysis of the 2024 New York State Conservation Construction Code, Residential Provisions*. Final Report October 30, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> 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/2025/12/11/state-law-forces-all-electric-for-most-new-building-construction-in-january-2026/7944444002700001)

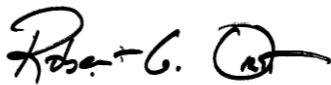
<sup>4</sup> Leff, David. *Is Gas or Electric Cheaper 2025: Complete Cost Analysis Guide*. [Is Gas Or Electric Cheaper 2025: Complete Cost Analysis Guide](https://www.isgasorelectriccheaper.com/)

Natural gas is not only affordable; it is also more reliable. New York experiences harsh winters, and electric systems are particularly vulnerable to outages during storms and other periods of peak demand. Eliminating the 100-foot rule will force future homeowners, especially in upstate and rural communities, to shoulder higher costs while limiting access to the most reliable heating source available.

These concerns are compounded by recent warnings from the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), which has identified emerging grid reliability challenges as the state pushes toward a zero-emissions electric grid by 2040. This legislation would hasten electrification at a time when the grid is not prepared to meet increased demand, driving up electric rates and putting additional strain on an already vulnerable system.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to veto S.8417/A.8888. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

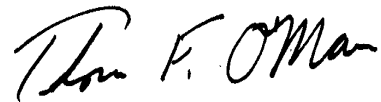
Sincerely,



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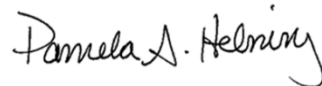
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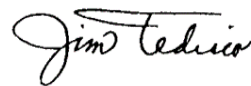
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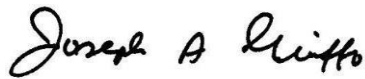
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