SAVE MONEY by taking advantage

energy assistance programs

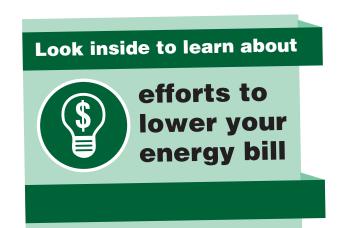
Visit the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) website to learn about free and low-cost programs to help lower your energy bills. You may qualify for a free home energy assessment or upgraded energy-efficient appliances.

Learn more at: nyserda.ny.gov

Stay safe in the summer heat

Intense summer heat can lead to power outages and dangerously high temperatures. Make sure you stay safe by spending time in air-conditioned buildings like libraries, malls or local cooling centers.

To find a cooling center near you, call 311 or visit: nyc.gov/html/oem/html/hazards/heat_cooling.shtml



Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto



Consumers need relief from soaring energy bills



"Skyrocketing energy bills are straining family budgets. It's time to hold utility companies accountable."

-Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto

Benedetto is working to lower energy bills by:

- Cutting a tax on energy bills, saving residential and business customers \$600 million over the next 3 years (Ch. 59 of 2014)
- Creating a Utility Consumer Advocate (UCA), an independent voice to protect families from unfair rate hikes (A.6239-B, passed Assembly)

"...the Assembly took a giant step for New Yorkers today by passing legislation to create an independent utility consumer advocate office with the power to go to court over unfair rate increases." - Beth Finkel, State Director for AARP New York



A Utility Consumer Advocate is needed in New York

Contact your

State Senator

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and urge them to pass

A.6239-B/S.4550-B

Utility Consumer Advocate to create a

S New Yorkers pay some of the highest utility rates in the country. Residential customers pay 68% more than the average American.*

New Yorkers paid even more this winte with rates increasing statewide anywhere from 10% to a staggering 75%.**

In the 40 other states that have a comparable UCA office, consumers have seen up to \$243 saved for every dollar invested.³

*states.aarp.org/nys-leaving-utility-consumers-out-in-cold-whileother-states-save-millions-with-advocate **schumer.senate.gov/Newsroom/record.cfm?id=350589

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