

“A Warning for New York’s Energy Policy”¹⁴

**“Cheap, Reliable and Renewable
Energy: *New York Can’t Have It All*”³**

**“There’s a mind-boggling gap in NY’s
plan for a clean electric grid. ‘We are so
far behind’”¹**

**“Next for NY’s historic ban on gas in new
buildings: What will it cost and who will pay?”¹³**



Professor Lindsay Anderson from Cornell University has highlighted the stark challenges caused by the CLCPA's plan to fully electrify the state. Her projection model shows insufficient renewable energy capacity, delayed targets, outdated data, infrastructure limitations, and equity concerns. Practical hurdles of scaling up renewables and managing costs require urgent attention. New York must balance ambition with feasibility so electrification efforts do not compromise reliability or affordability.²

What is the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)?¹

- The electric system must be carbon-free by 2040.
- New cars must be electric beginning in 2035.
- New homes must be heated exclusively by electricity beginning in 2026.
- Most new buildings will be electric as of 2029.

Sweeping electrification potentially means...

- Rolling blackouts.¹
- Increased utility costs.³
- Tens of thousands of dollars in new construction costs.⁴
- Under-funded mandates.¹

Did you know?

- Replacing all of the state's diesel-fuel school buses with electric buses will cost between \$8 and \$15.25 billion more than the cost of replacing them with new diesel buses.¹²
- More than four million New York households use natural gas.⁵
- 2026 electric appliance mandates for new homes could balloon costs by as much as \$20,000.⁴

Why I Believe Energy Choice Matters:

Choosing your energy provider based on your preferences and needs is important. Whether you prioritize cost savings, renewable energy, or reliable service, the power should be in your hands—not the government's.³

Cost Savings:

A ban on natural gas in most new buildings will spike utility and construction costs, send New York's energy reliability spiraling down, and make our affordability crisis worse.³

My Concerns Over Government Control:

This level of control is an infringement on consumer rights and a step toward a restrictive and controlled state. Energy choice is about more than just selecting a provider; it's about safeguarding your freedom and autonomy.^{3,5}

Giving New Yorkers a Say:

Chris voted against prohibiting natural gas and other fossil fuels in most new buildings by 2026⁶, mandating EV buses for all new school bus purchases,⁷ and opposed requiring charging stations for most new private and commercial construction.⁸

Supporting Rural Energy:

Enact the Rural Energy Freedom Act to exempt wood heating and cooking from greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements.⁹

Allow for Energy Diversity:

Prohibit municipalities from adopting laws that discriminate against the use of certain types of energy sources.¹⁰

Planning for the Future:

Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the technical and economic impacts of meeting the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act targets for renewable energy systems in our state.¹¹

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