

better plan, no bans



The Future of Energy in New York State

What's Being Pushed

Governor Hochul's Executive Budget Proposal includes drastic measures to eliminate most natural gas use across New York State and mandate electrification as quickly and comprehensively as possible. Mandatory deadlines are not tied to grid reliability and without regard for customer affordability. The proposal seeks to:

🚫 Ban the installation of natural gas equipment in new construction:

- Smaller residential homes on or after Dec. 31, 2025
- Commercial and larger residential buildings on or after Dec. 31, 2028

🚫 Ban the sale of natural gas furnaces and water heaters

- For existing smaller residential buildings on or after Jan. 1, 2030
- For existing commercial and larger residential buildings on or after Jan. 1, 2035

Overwhelming Public Opposition to Gas Bans

According to a Siena poll fielded in January 2023:

87% of WNYers believe that NYS should create an energy mix that uses both natural gas and low or no carbon fuels.

77% of WNYers oppose moving away from natural gas, and prefer the continued use of natural gas as one part of NYS's energy plan.

77% of WNYers believe that natural gas is a cleaner fossil fuel which we should continue to use to heat our homes and water as we gradually transition to zero carbon emissions.


Legislate
sensibly.
Reduce
responsibly.

The time to
speak up is **now.**


National Fuel's Position

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National Fuel **strongly opposes** any plan that fails to ensure energy reliability and affordability.


 **Reliability must be maintained** — The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), the experts responsible for evaluating the state's power grid for future reliability risks, has issued increasingly frequent, dire warnings about the reliability of the electric grid in the context of the state's planned energy transformation.


Mandating the electrification of space heating in Western New York when it's uncertain the necessary power and electric infrastructure will be in place to meet resulting demand increase is irresponsible. **We must assure reliable energy as a matter of public safety.**

 **The costs of these measures are unacceptable** — Mandated electrification would require an estimated conversion cost of \$20,000 - \$50,000 per household, according to consultants working with the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA). This would be in addition to the inevitable increase in electric rates that would result in the cost adding new generation and building a new electric transmission and delivery system capable of meeting dramatically higher demand.

Any proposal that fails to safeguard energy affordability for all residential and commercial customers must be rejected.


The emissions reduction goals of the Climate Act can be achieved through a more responsible approach that prioritizes energy reliability, affordability and safety.

 New York should not limit consumer options without first having a reliable replacement available that works. Embrace a more incremental approach that sets electrification targets linked to reliability milestones.

 WNY residents are concerned about the dependence on a single source system during extreme weather event in a region 40-55% colder than downstate. A hybrid approach combining renewable energy and natural gas for heating can meet State's emissions reduction goals without sacrificing energy reliability.

How We're Pushing Back

Following Governor Hochul's budget proposal, legislation is currently being considered in the NYS Legislature to put these mandates into law. **The next several months represent a critical window to let lawmakers know that we reject these risky proposals.**

 A multimedia campaign — called "Better Plan No Bans" — will educate the public about these measures and drive traffic to a digital hub where they can instantly contact their elected officials. The campaign will include other public advertisements.

How You Can Help

Encourage your employees, industry partners, LinkedIn followings, and everyone else in your network to visit [BetterPlanNoBans.com](https://www.betterplannobans.com), where they can quickly and easily send a message to their specific NYS Assembly Member, Senator, and Governor Hochul, telling them that they **OPPOSE** dangerous gas bans, and **REJECT** any plan that fails to ensure energy reliability, affordability and safety.

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