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Bologna Calls Out Democrats for Blocking Energy Affordability Bill as Housing and Grid Pressures Mount

Assemblyman Paul Bologna (R,C–Clarence) today blasted members of the New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Energy after the Democrat Majority voted to block two bills, one sponsored by Bologna and another by Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R,C-Corning), which would repeal the state’s All-Electric Buildings Act.

The legislation was held in committee, preventing it from advancing to a full vote of the Assembly. Watch Bologna in his Energy Committee hearing [here](#).

“This was a deliberate decision by the Democrat Majority to avoid accountability,” said Bologna. “They refused to even allow a vote on legislation that would bring affordability, flexibility and common sense back to New York’s energy policy.”

The blocked bills sought to repeal mandates requiring most new residential and commercial construction to be all-electric, policies that remain in legal limbo as courts determine their constitutionality. According to Bologna, that uncertainty is already having real-world consequences.

“We are watching the housing market stall in real time,” Bologna said. “Builders are hesitating. Buyers are waiting. Projects are being delayed or abandoned altogether because no one knows whether natural gas will even be allowed. At a time when New York is already facing a housing crisis, Albany is making it worse.”

Bologna also pointed to serious concerns about the state’s electrical grid capacity.

“This isn’t theoretical. It’s math and physics,” he said. “We do not have the grid capacity to support forced, full-scale electrification. Democrats know it. They couldn’t answer basic questions about it in committee, and instead of addressing the issue, they shut down the conversation entirely.”

During the committee meeting, Bologna pressed members on affordability, grid readiness and the broader economic impact of the mandates. He said Democrats repeatedly declined to engage.

“They didn’t have answers, and rather than admit that, they chose to silence the discussion,” Bologna said. “Hiding behind ongoing litigation as an excuse to avoid debate is a cop-out. The Legislature has a responsibility to lead, not sit on its hands while uncertainty cripples markets and drives up costs.”

Bologna argued the All-Electric Buildings Act represents a broader pattern of hypocrisy in state energy policy. “Democrats claim they support an ‘all-of-the-above’ energy strategy and a diverse portfolio,” he said. “But their actions tell a completely different story. Every policy they pass, and every bill they block, pushes New York closer to an outright ban on natural gas and a forced, one-size-fits-all electrification mandate.”

The assemblyman emphasized that his legislation would not have prohibited electrification but instead would have restored consumer choice.

“This was a simple bill,” Bologna said. “It would have let homeowners, builders and businesses decide what works best for them based on cost, reliability and practicality. Instead, Democrats chose mandates over flexibility and ideology over reality.”

Bologna called the committee’s decision “an egregious affront to New Yorkers,” particularly as families and small businesses continue to struggle with rising costs.

“People cannot afford this,” he said. “They know it. We know it. And yet the Majority continues to ignore it because acknowledging the truth would mean admitting their policies are failing. New Yorkers deserve honest leadership and real solutions, not political theater and procedural roadblocks,” Bologna added. “I will continue fighting to restore affordability, protect consumer choice and bring sanity back to our state’s energy policy.”

Assemblyman Paul Bologna represents the 144th Assembly District, which includes parts of Erie and Niagara counties. For more information, please follow Assemblyman Bologna on [Facebook](#).

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