



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Kevin Parker Advances Legislation to Close Affordability Gap and Lower Utility Costs

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Brooklyn, NY- New York State Senator masterfully guided a transformative package of bills in the Senate designed to close the affordability gap and drastically reduce utility costs. This remarkable accomplishment underscores Senator Parker's exceptional dedication to enhancing essential services, making them more accessible and affordable for the people of New York.

Senator Parker's enthusiasm is evident as he articulates: "The passage of these bills marks a monumental leap toward crafting a more affordable and sustainable future for New Yorkers. By lowering rates, fixing charges, and addressing credit reporting, we are actively closing the affordability gap and ensuring that utility costs are more manageable for our communities."

The three pivotal bills—1199A Parker, 1303B Parker, and 2623A Parker—signal the dawn of a new era in utility regulation showcasing Senator Parker's unwavering commitment to lowering rates, enhancing efficiency, and fixing charges to guarantee a fair and equitable distribution of costs.

1199A Parker – This visionary bill amends the public service law by establishing minimum standards for payment plans for eligible customers thus providing more reasonable and manageable options. Senator Parker's strategic approach aims to alleviate financial burdens ensuring that utility services are more affordable for those who need it most.

1303B Parker - Focused on reducing electric residential fixed charges, this bill has a direct impact on households across the state. Lowering fixed charges contributes to a more equitable distribution of costs, making electricity more affordable for families, particularly in challenging economic times.

2623A Parker - Recognizing the importance of fair credit reporting practices, Senator Parker champions this bill to study and address challenges in consumer credit reporting by utility companies. The goal is to ensure fair treatment, empower consumers, and foster affordability for all.

As these bills progress through the legislative process, Senator Parker's dedication to the well being of his constituents continues to drive transformative change in the state. His visionary leadership stands as a beacon of progress paving the way for a more equitable and

sustainable energy landscape in Brooklyn and beyond.

### About State Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprising sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park, Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park, and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, Senator Parker is the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and a member of several other Senate committees including Finance, Rules, Banks, Internet and Technology, as well as Budget and Revenue.

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