



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senate Passes Myrie Bill To Require Fast-Tracking Repairs Of NYCHA Gas Outages

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Assembly Version Passed Last Week

Bill Requires Greater Communication,
Coordination to Restore Service Quickly

ALBANY– The Senate today passed legislation sponsored by **Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie (D-Central Brooklyn)** aimed at more quickly restoring gas outages at NYCHA developments where such service is interrupted. **The bill expands the definition of "vital services" to include gas**

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and establishes mandated communication channels to inform NYCHA residents of the expected duration of any gas outages and the steps being taken to restore service.

[View Senator Myrie's remarks on the bill here.](#)

"Our office routinely hears from NYCHA residents about gas outages that last days, weeks or months," **said Senator Myrie.** "And too often, utility companies and government agencies point fingers at each other while residents are left to fend for themselves with hot-plates and meal deliveries with no end in sight. No one should have to endure this. I'm grateful to Assembly Member Jackson for leading the fight in the Assembly, and to my Senate colleagues for advancing this measure to restore gas service more speedily and require greater communication with NYCHA residents."

The bill requires NYCHA to remedy gas service interruptions as quickly as possible, by coordinating with relevant city, state and utility company partners and by quickly applying for permits necessary to make such repairs.

As of today, **there are 61 active gas outages** at NYCHA developments, including two dating back to 2023.

The bill is sponsored in the Assembly by **Assembly Member Chantel Jackson (D-Bronx)**, where it passed unanimously on May 28.