



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Tedisco Sounds Alarm on New State Plan to Increase Gas Prices, Home Heating Bills

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With gas and energy prices soaring to their highest levels in years squeezing the wallets of millions of New Yorkers, Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C-Glenville) today joined his Senate Republican Conference to sound the alarm about a radical new plan by the state's Climate Action Council (CAC) to supercharge the public's pain in their pocketbooks.

Tedisco and the Senate Republican Conference are urging New Yorkers to make their voices heard on the [Climate Action Council's \(CAC\) draft Scoping Plan](#) that would eliminate

reliable, affordable sources of energy. Natural gas hookups and services, as well as those from propane and heating oil, are essential for New Yorkers – especially in rural areas and during harsh winters – and eliminating these dependable sources of energy would be costly to residents and businesses and meaningless on a global scale.

“With gas prices and home heating bills soaring to their highest level in years, we need to be increasing domestic energy production and suspending gas and energy taxes to protect our national security and ease the pain at the pump. The last thing New York State should be doing is implementing yet another pie in the sky plan that will only add to more pain at the pump and higher heating bills for overburdened New Yorkers,” said Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C-Glenville).

The CAC has released a [blueprint to alter the state’s energy plans](#), which includes:

- No new gas service to existing buildings, beginning in 2024;

- No natural gas within newly constructed buildings, beginning in 2024;

- No new natural gas appliances for home heating, cooking, water heating, clothes drying beginning in 2030; and

- No gasoline-automobile sales by 2035;

“If this radical proposal is approved, it will further drive more people and businesses out of New York State and continue our state’s downward slide from being the ‘Empire State’ to quickly becoming the ‘Empty State’ because more and more people who truly love New York will say, ‘no thanks. I’m leaving New York!’” said Senator Tedisco.

Residents have until April 30, 2022 to submit formal public comments on the proposed energy plan. To make your voice heard, click on this link to submit public comments:

<https://climate.ny.gov/Our-Climate-Act/Draft-Scoping-Plan>.