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Senator Rob Ortt & Western New Yorkers Say No to Albany's Gas Stove Ban

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NORTH TONAWANDA, NY – Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt today stood with **Senator George Borrello** and **Assemblyman Mike Norris** to call on Governor Hochul and the Legislative Majorities to stop radical, costly energy policies that restrict New Yorkers' freedoms and hurt New Yorkers' pockets – such as the recent proposal to ban gas stoves.

“Albany’s proposed gas stove ban is another assault on our way of life in Western New York. To dictate what types of cooking appliances our residents can or cannot own will hurt homeowners, home builders, and small businesses – especially restaurants that rely on gas cooking. At a time when the economy is unstable and many of our businesses are still struggling to get back on their feet, Albany bureaucrats

continue making life even more difficult and expensive for the everyday New Yorker,” **said Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt.**

“The proposed ban on gas stoves underscores just how heavy-handed and intrusive New York State is prepared to be, in order to impose their reckless climate agenda on everyday New Yorkers. A gas stove ban would also devastate the restaurant and hospitality industry, which relies on the rapid precision that gas stoves provide for cooking. Unfortunately, practical realities and individual choice don’t carry any weight in this rush towards ‘green energy.’ This ban is just one of many sacrifices New Yorkers will have to make unless a more reasonable approach and timeline is implemented,” **said Senator George Borrello.**

“These proposals we are seeing out of Albany are not only out of touch but disastrous for Upstate and Western New York. The reliability of natural gas, especially during our winters, is crucial. Many found relief during the recent blizzard by using gas stoves and fireplaces. To take this reliable, affordable form of energy away is extremely short sighted. I will continue to fight against proposals that are a blatant disregard to our community and residents,” **said Assemblyman Mike Norris.**

“Western New York just went through one of the worst blizzards we have ever experienced. Thousands of families throughout the area were without power for days. Fortunately, many of these homes had gas stoves and were able to cook food and boil water, also gas fireplaces to keep them warm. Natural gas is vital to many families, restaurants, and other businesses. An outright ban on gas stoves is not only an inconvenience on our way of life, but it is also a drastic overreaction to the new climate agenda,” **said Assemblyman Angelo Morinello.**

Earlier this month, the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) announced they would be considering a ban on gas stoves, infuriating many. In New York, the Governor in her State of the State address revealed she was pushing for a similar ban on fossil fuel equipment in new construction statewide in New York – including gas stoves – starting in 2025 for small buildings (including single-family homes) and 2028 for larger ones.

Upon learning about the Governor’s proposed gas stove ban, [many New Yorkers expressed outrage](#) at the policy, which would harm homeowners, home builders, skilled laborers, and businesses throughout the state.

One particular sector that would be [devastated](#) is the restaurant and hospitality industry. Countless restaurateurs have explained that using an electric stove top significantly slows down the workflow process for a chef in the kitchen, in contrast with gas stoves. Another point that has been made is that when power goes out at someone’s home, gas stoves provide a reliable backup for cooking, [local restaurants that use gas are often called upon to feed community members](#) with electric appliances. This

was especially the case in Western New York in 2022, with the historic and deadly blizzard that pummeled the Buffalo-Niagara region during Christmas.

“Just a few weeks ago, tens of thousands of Western New Yorkers spent days without power during a winter storm. Under this radical gas stove ban, any future power outages will leave our neighborhoods and businesses unable to cook food, boil water, or stay warm. These reliable and affordable stoves are vital to hundreds of thousands of Western New Yorkers. We cannot allow ill-conceived climate policies to get rammed through without input from everyday citizens,” **closed Leader Ortt.**

Last week, Leader Ortt [launched a petition](#) to “Say NO to Albany’s gas stove ban.” So far, that petition has received more than 1,100 signatures.

Earlier this month, Leader Ortt and Senate Republicans unveiled the [Rescue New York 2023 Legislative Agenda](#), which includes climate policies that would ensure access to affordable, reliable, and clean energy, among other proposals to create a more affordable New York.

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