



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## SENATOR LANZA & ASSEMBLYMAN PIROZZOLO INTRODUCE BILL TO PROHIBIT BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SITES NEAR HOMES & SCHOOLS IN STATEN ISLAND

ANDREW J. LANZA February 15, 2023



*On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, New York State Senator Andrew Lanza (R/C-Mid Island/South Shore) & Assemblyman Sam Pirozzolo (R/C-Mid Island/North Shore) announced the introduction of legislation to prohibit the installation of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) within Staten Island.*

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“In response to the rightful community backlash regarding BESS sites being installed in residential and school zones, Senator Andrew Lanza and I are proud to announce legislation to prohibit the siting or operation of these machines in residential or school zones on Staten Island.” **Said Assemblyman Pirozzolo.** “While I firmly believe that this type of energy-technology is the future, the implementation has to be practical and responsible. Placing a large, sophisticated machine, filled with potentially explosive lithium-ion batteries, in residential or school communities is unacceptable. The fires caused by these batteries typically cannot be extinguished because of the presence of harsh chemical toxins, increasing the hazard and potential damage.”

“At the end of the day, the terms ‘classroom’ and ‘blast-radius’ should never, ever be in the same sentence. I want to thank Senator Andrew Lanza for carrying this legislation in the State Senate. I look forward to seeing the passage of this bill that puts Staten Island families and communities first.”

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