

LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

OCTOBER 30, 2025

***Committee Members: Supervisors Strough, Conover, Wild, Driscoll, Maday, Geraci and Thomas
Chair of the Board shall serve as an Ex-Officio member when needed in accordance
with Section C(4) of the Rules of the Board***

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Committee Chair
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee meeting - *October 2, 2025*
- III. Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment
- IV. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
 - 1) Consideration of a resolution seeking local authority for municipalities to opt out of State mandates related to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and the associated universal electrification requirements, as well as bans on the use of natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups for new residential and commercial buildings. *Referred by Genesee, Orleans and Yates Counties.*
 - 2) Consideration of a resolution urging enactment of legislation amending General Municipal Law in relation to exempting public employees health insurance premiums paid by towns and counties from the real property tax cap. *Referred by Essex County.*
- V. Discussion Items: None.
- VI. Referrals/Pending Items:
 - 1) County Attorney to provide a copy of legislation adopted by Humboldt County regarding the ban on the sale of nitrous oxide for recreational purposes to the Committee members for review and a possible update to be provided at the October 30th Committee meeting. (10.02.25)
 - 2) County Treasurer to research VLT/Tribal Compact monies not being received in quite some time from the Native American tribal casinos; discussion to continue at the next meeting. Committee also requested the County Administrator contact State representatives for assistance. (10.02.25)
- VII. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee
- VIII. Motion to adjourn

*Attachments: 1) Genesee County Resolution No. 410 of 2025; Orleans County Resolution No. 408-925; and Yates County Resolution No. 430-25
(Action Agenda/New Business Item 1)
2) Essex County Resolution No. 224 of 2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 410

**URGING AMENDMENTS TO STATE LAW TO
ALLOW LOCAL OPT-OUTS FROM CLIMATE
LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION
ACT (CLCPA) AND ELECTRIFICATION
MANDATES – APPROVAL OF**

Legislator Clattenburg offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York State, through the enactment of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), has established aggressive mandates and benchmarks requiring universal electrification of energy, housing, and transportation sectors; and

WHEREAS, while the goals of reducing carbon emissions and expanding renewable energy are laudable, the one-size-fits-all mandates arising from the CLCPA have created an alarming crisis in energy affordability, reliability, and local economic stability; and

WHEREAS, Genesee County is experiencing skyrocketing utility rates, escalating housing construction costs, and increased burdens on residents and businesses as a direct result of electrification mandates, including but not limited to:

- Building code requirements prohibiting the installation of natural gas hookups;
- State-imposed vehicle sales quotas that will prohibit the future sale of traditional vehicles; and
- Infrastructure benchmarks requiring widespread deployment of electric vehicle charging stations, which are neither practical nor financially feasible for many communities; and

WHEREAS, rural towns, villages, and counties in particular lack the infrastructure, energy capacity, and tax base necessary to safely and affordably implement these requirements, thereby placing disproportionate strain on municipalities already facing fiscal and operational challenges; and

WHEREAS, New York State’s tradition of “home rule” recognizes the authority of local governments to make decisions that best reflect the unique needs, capacities, and interests of their residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, local governments across the State ought to be afforded the authority to determine the pace and scope of participation in universal electrification and climate mandates, ensuring energy policy that is both practical and responsive to local conditions; and

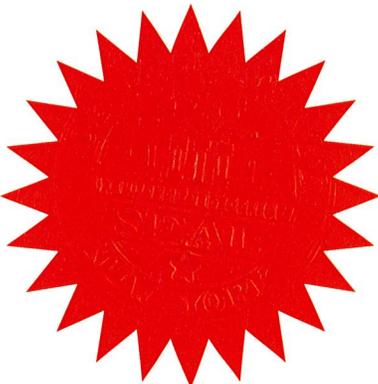
WHEREAS, the Genesee County Legislature is in full support of the New York State Senate Bill S.8481, introduced by Senator Patrick Gallivan, which would authorize local governments to opt out of mandates and benchmarks arising under the CLCPA and associated universal electrification requirements. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Legislature calls upon the New York State Legislature and Governor to enact legislation amending the Environmental Conservation Law, the Public Service Law, the Energy Law, and the Executive Law to expressly authorize local governments to opt out

of mandates and benchmarks arising under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and associated universal electrification requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Chair of the New York State Public Service Commission, Senator George Borrello, Assemblyman Stephen Hawley, Inter-County Association of Western New York and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Legislator Klotzbach seconded the resolution, which was adopted by 200 votes.



State of New York
County of Genesee
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted
by the Genesee County Legislature on the 24th day of September 2025. Dated, Batavia, New York.
September 25, 2025


Clerk of the Genesee County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 408-925

SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability; now be it

RESOLVED, that the Orleans County Legislature strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Orleans County Legislature urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Moved, Eick; second, Morgan.
Adopted. 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent.

COUNTY OF ORLEANS
STATE OF NEW YORK

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Orleans County Legislature on the 23rd day of September 2025.

Dated at Albion, New York
September 24, 2025



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Stenshorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk
Orleans County Legislature
County of Orleans, New York

**STATE OF NEW YORK
YATES COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CLERK'S OFFICE**

Penn Yan, N.Y. October 14, 2025

I Hereby Certify, That I have compared the preceding with the original thereof, on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature at Penn Yan, New York, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original; and that said original was duly adopted at a meeting of the County Legislature of Yates County held at Penn Yan, New York on the 14th day of October 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 430-25

SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S8481/ASSEMBLY BILL A8996 TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO OPT OUT OF MANDATES AND BENCHMARKS ARISING UNDER THE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT (CLCPA) AND ASSOCIATED UNIVERSAL ELECTRIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 153 OF THE COUNTY LAW

WHEREAS, across New York State, communities are facing steep increases in utility costs and housing construction expenses due to electrification mandates; and

WHEREAS, these include restrictive building codes that prohibit natural gas, vehicle sales quotas that eliminate traditional models, and infrastructure benchmarks for EV charging that are often impractical and financially oppressive; and

WHEREAS, these mandates impose one-size-fits-all burdens that disproportionately harm local governments, particularly rural towns and villages that lack the infrastructure, tax base, and energy capacity to implement these changes safely and affordably; and

WHEREAS, Yates County is in full support of legislation that affirms the principle of home rule by allowing local governments to make energy decisions that reflect the unique needs of their residents and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature strongly supports Senate Bill S8481/Assembly Bill A8996 , and strongly supports it's municipalities in their decision to opt out of costly, troublesome, or impractical mandates imposed under the CLCPA and related electrification standards or code requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Hochul, Senator Thomas O'Mara, Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, Senator Jacob Ashby, Senator George M. Borrello, Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Senator Joseph A. Griffo, Senator Pamela Helming, Senator Mario R. Mattera, Senator James Tedisco, Senator Daniel G. Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, NYS Assembly Speaker Heastie, Assemblyman Paul A. Bologna, Assemblyman Joseph Sempolinski, New York State Association of Counties, Inter-County Association of Western New York, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

ATTEST



Clerk of the Yates County Legislature



Essex County Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 224

October 6, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE
AND GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO ENACT LEGISLATION
AMENDING GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW
IN RELATION TO EXEMPTING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS PAID BY TOWNS AND
COUNTIES IN NEW YORK STATE FROM THE NEW
YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Tyler, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, towns and counties across New York State are struggling with providing town and county health insurance for their employees that is cost effective and does not strain the county fisk; and

WHEREAS, towns and counties depend on reliable and competent employees across of their departments and must provide town and county sponsored health insurance programs in order to maintain their workforces; and

WHEREAS, the costs of health insurance premiums paid by towns and counties on behalf of their employees as part of compensation programs has become cost prohibitive to these municipalities with the overall cost of a family plan now at \$38,739.00, with the municipalities share often \$30,992.00, and the cost of a single plan at \$18,752.00, with the municipalities share often \$15,001.00; and

WHEREAS, in Essex County the total cost that the county pays on behalf of public employees for health insurance premiums is \$15 million of its overall budget of \$140 million; and

WHEREAS, this total cost, when added to the overall county budget will cause the county to exceed its tax cap which will in the future also snowball and cause future tax cap problems as a result; and

WHEREAS, towns and counties need a mechanism to exempt and remove the cost paid by municipalities for public employees health insurance programs on behalf of the employee from the real property tax cap which will allow these municipalities to continue to provide these services and to sustain and continue to operate the current operations.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the New York Legislature and Governor Hochul to enact legislation amending General Municipal Law in relation to exempting public employees health insurance premiums paid by towns and counties in New York State from the New York State County Real Property Tax Cap; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to: Governor Hochul, Senator Daniel Stec, Assemblyman Matthew Simpson, Senate Majority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader, Robert G. Ort, Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, and New York Association of Counties (NYSAC).

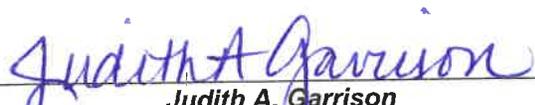
This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ESSEX)ss:

I, JUDITH A. GARRISON, Clerk of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution filed in this office on the 6th day of October, 2025, and that it is a correct and true copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 6th day of October, 2025.




Judith A. Garrison
Clerk of the Essex County Board of Supervisors