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April 14, 2025

Hon. Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary  
Inter-County Association of WNY  
c/o Steuben County Legislature  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810

Dear Ms. Chapman,

Thank you for forwarding me the Inter-County Association of WNY's Resolution No. 005-25 opposing the New York State Power Authority's proposed increase in preference power rates for customers who receive hydropower from the Niagara and St. Lawrence-FDR power projects. I appreciate you taking the time to write to me.

The proposed increase would have resulted in the nearly tripling of rates charged to customers for renewable hydropower from the Niagara Power Project. The NYPA proposed would have done irreparable harm to our businesses and industries. While I am thankful that Gov. Hochul paused these proposed rate hikes, it is the governor's own policies that are driving those hikes in the first place.

Gov. Hochul can call for making New York more affordable for residents and business all she likes, but until the governor stops forcing unworkable policies like the misnamed Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) on to energy producers, New Yorkers will continue to face the threat of higher and higher energy costs.

Affordable energy is essential for sound economic growth within Cattaraugus County and Western New York. I will continue to fight for common-sense energy policies that support low-cost energy for all New Yorkers.

My thanks to you and the members of the Inter-County Association of WNY for all you do for your constituents. Please accept my best wishes, and feel free to contact me again if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Joe Sempolinski  
Member of Assembly

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