

In order for New York families to live comfortably and businesses and farms here to thrive, we need access to affordable energy and that energy should be produced right here in America. Upstate New Yorkers are disproportionately reliant on energy to fuel their vehicles, heat their homes during the winter, and engage in agriculture.

I support a national energy policy that promotes the safe and environmentally-responsible production of energy from sources such as solar, wind, oil, natural gas, hydropower, coal, and nuclear power. The United States ought to harness all of the resources our nation was blessed with. Exploring for and investing in these energy sources will not only lower energy prices but also create good-paying jobs in the energy sector.

I am a strong supporter of the environment. A clean environment and strong conservation programs are of the utmost importance to me and I believe that the federal government has a role to play in preserving our natural resources and protecting the environment. Our natural resources in Upstate New York are a treasure that we must pass on to future generations.

I believe that climate change is occurring and that humans contribute to it. However, American climate policy should be decided by elected representatives in Congress, not federal or international bureaucrats. We need to address our energy needs and climate change in a practical way that makes sense for our economy and does not target Upstate New York.

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