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Blakeman, NYC Builders Expose Gas Ban for Stalling Housing Construction and Driving Up Rent

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Brooklyn, New York - Nassau County Executive and candidate for Governor of New York Bruce Blakeman joined Senator Steve Chan, Assemblyman Lester Chang, Assemblyman Michael Novakhov, and Humberto “HL” Lopes, CEO of HL Dynasty and Gotham Housing Alliance, for a press conference to sound the alarm as “All-Electric Building” mandates drive up the cost of rent and utilities while stalling housing construction.

“Kathy Hochul’s energy policy is nothing short of a crime against New Yorkers. Right now, Hochul’s disastrous mandates are forcing families to pay up to 70% more for electricity than the rest of the nation. And for what? To force a ridiculous, all-electric mandate on buildings when our electric grid is nowhere near ready to handle the load. We have developers who went through the proper channels, got city approval, and drew up common-sense plans to build much-needed housing powered by reliable natural gas. Now, New York City is pulling the rug out from under them—forcing them to go all-electric, driving up construction costs, and stalling projects we desperately need. It’s unscientific, it’s unaffordable, and when I’m Governor, we are going to scrap this green energy scam, bring back natural gas, and start putting New York families first,” Blakeman said.

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