

Draft One-Pager: Protect Fuel Choice in New York State

Who We Are

We are New York State’s hearth and grill retailers—small businesses serving families and communities with heating and cooking solutions that provide comfort, energy security, and consumer choice.

Key Messages for Legislators

1. Protect Consumer Choice

- New Yorkers deserve the freedom to choose how they heat their homes and cook their food.
- Bans or restrictions on propane, natural gas, or wood fuels take away options families rely on.

2. Support Affordability and Reliability

- Multiple fuel options keep prices competitive and prevent reliance on a single, vulnerable energy source.
- During outages, pellet, wood, and propane appliances keep families warm and safe when the grid fails.

3. Strengthen Local Economies

- Hearth and grill retailers support **hundreds of small businesses and jobs** across New York.
- Wood pellets and propane are often locally produced or distributed, keeping dollars in our communities.

4. Encourage Clean Innovation

- Modern appliances are cleaner and more efficient than ever.
- Rather than eliminating fuel options, New York should encourage continued innovation in low-emission heating.

Policy Requests

We ask you to:

- ✓ Oppose legislation that limits consumer energy choice.
- ✓ Ensure “clean fuel standards” consider **lifecycle emissions** and recognize the

benefits of low-carbon options like wood pellets.

✓ Support policies that keep all fuels available—propane, natural gas, wood, pellets—so New Yorkers can choose what works best for them.

Local Voices

"During last winter's blackout, my pellet stove kept our home warm for two days while the power was out. Without it, we'd have been freezing." – A homeowner in the Capital Region

"Customers come to us looking for affordable, reliable heating and cooking options. Removing fuel choices means higher costs and fewer solutions." – A hearth retailer in Central NY

Suggested Talking Points for Meetings

- "We're not here to oppose clean energy—we're here to support **choice and balance**."
- "Our customers need **backup heating** when the grid goes down—propane, pellets, and wood are essential for resilience."
- "Every fuel has a role to play. Eliminating options drives up prices and hurts working families."
- "We urge you to ensure **fuel choice is protected** in any energy policy moving forward."