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## **MOLINARO ‘EMPOWERS’ NYERS WITH NEW JOBS, ENERGY-EFFICIENCY BILL**

Assemblyman Marc Molinaro (R,I,C-Red Hook) recently voted to pass legislation to reform and renew the state’s power-plant-siting laws and provide green jobs for New Yorkers. The Power NY bill offers a way to lower energy costs for consumers by responsibly expanding the supply of available power in the Empire State.

“This bill fosters job creation and energy efficiency: it’s a win-win for New Yorkers,” said Molinaro. “The demand for power is rising. Thanks to my legislation, businesses will have the low-cost energy they need to expand and create jobs. I am proud to have co-sponsored this pro-growth measure for the Empire State’s job creators.”

Power NY reforms New York’s Article X law to adjust the megawatt threshold for proposed projects from 80 megawatts to 25 megawatts, a change designed to encourage more alternative- and advanced-energy-generation facilities in the state. Green Jobs/Green New York creates an opportunity for New Yorkers to borrow money for energy-efficiency upgrades to their homes and pay the loan back through their utility bill.

“I think this legislation puts our state on the right path, creating jobs for New Yorkers while encouraging sustainable growth to meet the rising energy demand. Creating jobs has always been one of my top priorities, and this legislation offers real promise and opportunity for businesses to innovate and expand,” said Molinaro.

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*Assemblyman Marc Molinaro, once America's youngest mayor, served twelve years as Mayor of the Village of Tivoli in Dutchess County. He served concurrently as a member of the Dutchess County Legislature from 2000 until 2006, when he was elected to represent the 103rd Assembly District. As a County Legislator, Molinaro served as Chairman of the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee where he was responsible for stewardship of the county's \$400 million budget adoption. In 2010, Assemblyman Marc Molinaro served on Governor Andrew Cuomo's Transition Team. This year, Marc was appointed by Assembly Republican Leader Brian Kolb as Assistant Minority Leader Pro Tempore and the Republican Conference's representative on Governor Cuomo's Mandate Relief and Redesign Team.*