

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) today announced the release of \$22.4 million to help local residents weatherize their homes and lower energy costs this winter.

“As temperatures drop, families from Geneva to Ilion need all the assistance they can get to stay warm. These funds will help make that happen,” **Arcuri said**. “Since 2001, home heating costs have more than doubled, which is why I’ll keep pushing for programs like these to keep Upstaters warm.”

The \$22.4 million for New York State is part of the Weatherization Assistance Program. This program helps families permanently reduce energy costs by making their homes more energy efficient.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, weatherization reduces heating bills by 32 percent and overall energy bills by \$358 per year. This winter, Americans using heating oil will pay more than \$2,300 per family.

Arcuri also recently announced \$5.1 billion for home heating assistance for low-income Americans.

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