



Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We are calling on you to resist pressure from the White House and advance renewables, not fossil fuels, in the state of New York.

We are members of the Jewish Community across New York State—clergy, synagogue leaders, educators, and individual Jews who come from all denominations—Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Orthodox, as well as those who identify as “just Jewish.” We share a deep love for our families, communities and the Earth; and we are deeply concerned that the effects of climate change—wildfires, drought, flooding, high asthma rates and deaths caused by burning fossil fuels—will ruin everything we love. This love and our Jewish values compel us to act in order to preserve life, a concept in Jewish tradition known as *pikuach nefesh*.

In 2019, New York committed to the transition from fossil fuels to renewables by adopting the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), New York’s groundbreaking climate law. Scientists, entrepreneurs, and technical and policy experts assure us that we can transform from fossil fuels to renewables in compliance with the law **if we have the will**. You showed resolve to achieve this when you stood up for congestion pricing and fought to preserve offshore wind power.

Now, we are asking you to do more: to strongly and forcefully embrace the *full vision* of the CLCPA, including its mandates and timeline, to achieve safe, affordable and reliable energy access. As part of this, we are calling on you to:

1. **Build more renewables quickly and reject new pipelines and other fossil fuel infrastructure.** This includes current priorities to increase public renewables built by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to 15GW by 2030, and curbing gas expansion through signing the “100 Foot Rule Repeal.”
2. **Create a roadmap to comply with the mandates and timeline of the CLCPA, the 2019 state climate law, to transition to renewables.** This must include setting meaningful targets; incorporating solutions developed in the 2022 Scoping Plan; funding the transition, such as through the Cap and Invest Program; and providing

subsidies where needed. To this end, we call your attention to the [recommendations of Environmental Advocates NY](#).

3. **Meet with us - members of the Jewish community - by the end of January to discuss the issues identified in this letter.**

We're counting on you to use every lever of governing you have to meet this moment of peril and opportunity. Now is the time for bold leadership - we offer you *hizzuk* (strength) to make New York the climate leader we know it can and should be.

Sincerely,

More than 1,100 individuals across the state

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