

Governor Andrew M Cuomo
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo;

I truly appreciate your discussion of the climate crisis facing New York in your State of the State messages earlier this year. It is vital that we address climate change more seriously beginning immediately. Taking responsible action to move the state away from fossil fuels and toward a just transition to renewable energy will take significant funding. I encourage you to incorporate the provisions of NY Renews Climate and Community Investment Act (CCIA) into your budget proposals.

NYRenews is a coalition of over 250 community, labor and business groups and they are proposing a new revenue stream, approximately \$15 billion annually, generated by making major polluters pay.

The Climate and Community Investment Act is a comprehensive, well thought-out package that will generate 150,000 good green jobs over 10 years and prioritizes investment in areas most impacted by pollution and/or climate change. The training and labor provisions in the CCIA will be greatly appreciated by our residents of Rochester where long term high unemployment and poverty have been severely exacerbated by COVID-19. The rebate provisions in CCIA will assure that the majority of lower wage earners will not be negatively impacted by possible energy cost increases.

We must expand wind and solar energy, repair infrastructure, and shift our vehicle fleet away from fossil fuels. The CCIA is an excellent mechanism to move us quickly into a new green energy future. It is intended as a funding stream to speed implementation of New York State's groundbreaking Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act).

Please show your support by including all the CCIA provisions in your budget proposal for the coming year.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

(Your Address)