



## Statement: Gov Hochul Drops Proposal to Weaken NYS Methane Accounting Method

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In response to the announcement that the Hochul administration will not include a re-calculation of methane emissions as part of the budget, NYC-EJA issued the following statement:

The people have spoken, and our voices have been heard throughout the halls of Albany: rolling back NY's landmark Climate Law is unacceptable. Emissions accounting that takes into consideration the urgency of the climate crisis and the disproportionate impact of methane emissions in New York State is critical to New York's goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2050. We further urge the state to drop A.6039 (Barrett) / S.6030 (Parker) in its entirety, including other provisions that would redefine our renewable energy system, in the budget and through the legislative session.

NYC-EJA thanks the Governor, legislators, and other officials for keeping the strong, science-backed emissions accounting method in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. We urge lawmakers to take concrete action towards a just transition for environmental justice communities and all New Yorkers by implementing NY's Climate Act via the Climate, Jobs, and Justice Package (CJJP). We will continue fighting to ensure that any 'cap and invest' proposal prioritizes environmental justice communities and includes strong [safeguards](#), such as no allowance trading, limited banking, aggressive cap structure, and escalating price floors.