



NYC-EJA Statement on One-House Budget Proposals

ALBANY, NY, March 10 - NYC-EJA applauds the Senate and the Assembly for standing strong against Governor Hochul's attempts to weaken the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA, or the Climate Law). Over the past year, Governor Hochul has been falsely claiming that the Climate Law would be infeasible and costly. To make this case, NYSERDA recently circulated a memo conflating a hypothetical cap and invest scenario with the costs of Climate Law implementation – even though research shows this *one* program would [result in savings](#) for many households making up to \$200,000, particularly low-to-moderate income New Yorkers.

Today, the Senate and the Assembly spoke up for climate justice and our communities by adopting budget positions rejecting Governor Hochul's attempts to weaken the Climate Law. Both the Senate and Assembly budget resolutions build on the progress the Legislature made last year by committing an additional \$1 billion to the Sustainable Future Program. The Legislature's spending focuses on affordability by providing communities with the resources needed to transition off fossil fuels with funding for thermal energy networks, green schools, heat pumps, solar, electric school buses and charging infrastructure, and EmPower+. The Senate also calls on the state to implement Cap and Invest, which would create [thousands of jobs](#) and deliver rebates or lower energy bills to New Yorkers. The Assembly took on energy affordability and utility greed by proposing a two year utility rate freeze and a multi-billion dollar energy rebate program.

The Climate Law is not just about reducing greenhouse gases. It is also about investing in New Yorkers, prioritizing environmental justice, and protecting overburdened communities. We cannot ignore that the same New Yorkers struggling most with affordability, pollution, and asthma are also the ones paying the costs of the climate crisis and government inaction. Thank you to both Houses of the Legislature for ensuring that New York continues to lead unapologetically on climate as we make investments in clean energy and climate action. Efforts like this will create more jobs, speed economic growth, and build a safer, healthier, and more affordable New York.

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