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## "Support the New York State Global Warming Pollution Control Act" - WEACT For Environmental Justice

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In the past few weeks New York has broken daily temperature records and reached above 100 degrees for two days in a row for the first time since 1999. This heat wave makes it apparent now more than ever, that action needs to be taken by New York State, and that action is the New York State Senate passing the New York State Global Warming Control Pollution Act (S.4315C).

If the New York State Senate passes this legislation it will cut climate change pollution from all sources - cars, buildings, businesses, factories, homes and more. This legislation will reduce our emissions 80 percent by the year 2050. Scientists say deep cuts like these will help us stave off the most serious effects of climate change.

Climate change is estimated to cause the sea level on the coast of New York City to rise anywhere from one to

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three-and-a-half-feet by 2080. The rapid run-off from increased precipitation levels is expected to affect New York City's clean drinking water supply. New York is likely to have more heat related deaths because of inadequate adaptation to severe heat. These higher temperatures will also intensify the problem of urban air pollution, elevating mortality and asthma rates. The communities in New York that are most vulnerable to these serious effects are low-income communities and communities of color.

When the New York State Senate returns to Albany they must bring the New York State Global Warming Pollution Control Act to the floor and pass it! This legislation will help us avoid the most dire effects of climate change. The time to address this issue is now before it is too late.

WEACT For Environmental Justice supports this legislation because it will stave off the most serious effects of climate change, which affect communities of color and

low-income the first and the worst.

As of June 28, the following organizations support passage of the climate change legislation to reduce New York's greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050:

Adirondack Council  
Adirondack Mountain Club  
Alliance for Clean Energy New York  
American Institute of Architecture New York State, Inc.  
American Lung Association of NYS  
Audubon New York  
Bronx Council for Environmental Quality  
Catholic Charities of Buffalo  
Center for Medical Consumers  
Center for the Urban Environment  
Center for Working Families  
Citizen Action of New York  
Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
Citizens' Environmental Coalition  
CIVITAS  
Clean New York  
Climate Change Central, Rochester Community Resource Center  
Concerned Citizens of the Plainview - Old Bethpage Community



Citizens from across New York State gathered outside the Senate chamber in Albany on June 24 to urge lawmakers to vote for global warming legislation. PHOTO: courtesy of Carol Murphy, Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Inc.

Consumers Union  
Diocese of Rochester  
New York  
Earthjustice  
Engineers for a Sustainable World - University at Buffalo  
Environment Northeast  
Environmental Advocates of New York  
Evergreen  
Federated Conservationists of Westchester County  
Friends of Brook Park  
Global Warming Action Network  
Grassroots Environmental Education  
Green Home Consulting LLC  
Green Yorktown  
Group for the East End  
Heal the Harbor  
Hopewell Junction Citizens for Clean Water  
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater  
Hunger Action Network of New York State

Interfaith Impact of New York State  
International Dark Sky Association - NYS Section  
League of Women Voters of New York State  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
New Energy Resources, LLC  
New York Climate Rescue  
New York Interfaith Power and Light  
New York League of Conservation Voters  
New York Public Interest Research Group  
New York Solar Energy Industries Association  
New York State Apollo Alliance  
New York State Bar Association  
NYSUT  
New York Trout Unlimited

Otsego County Conservation Association  
Pace Energy and Climate Center  
Partnership for the Public Good  
PEF/EnCon - Division  
169 of the NYS Public Employees Federation  
Renewable Energy Long Island (RELI)  
Saratoga Healthy Transportation Network  
Scenic Hudson  
Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter  
Solar One  
Solidarity Committee  
Capital District  
Southern Adirondack  
Audubon Society  
Surfrider Foundation  
Sustainable Hastings  
Sustainable River-towns  
Sustainable South Bronx  
Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council  
The Nature Conservancy  
The Sustainable Energy Alliance of LI  
The UMC Troy Conference Board of Church and Society  
Transportation Alternatives  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Vision Long Island  
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Western New York Climate Coalition  
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association

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