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NYPIRG STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR CUOMO'S ENVIRONMENT STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

(Albany, N.Y.) Today, Governor Cuomo gave his third State of the State address which focused on the creation of a green energy economy in New York. While the devil is in the details, which will hopefully be seen in subsequent announcements and the Governor's budget proposal, the Governor's announcements offer a starting point for actions to move New York forward on the transition to renewable energy and off fossil fuels.

The following statement is attributable to Liz Moran, Environmental Policy Director for NYPIRG:

"The Governor is right that global warming poses an existential threat, and New York must lead in shaping a new green energy economy. The state desperately needs **new revenues** – particularly given the costs to combat the impacts of the climate crisis -- and the **oil, coal and gas** companies should be **on the hook** for paying for a crisis that they created, not every day New Yorkers. In addition, the state should **eliminate nonessential tax subsidies** for the fossil fuel industry. To ensure New York meets its ambitious climate goals, incentives cannot continue to be given to the fossil fuel industry. *Those additional revenues will help the state to afford a green revolution, while making those responsible for the problems pay for the solutions.*"

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