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NEW YORK PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DIRECTOR

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The New York Public Interest Research Group Fund (NYPIRG) seeks qualified candidates for its Environmental Policy Director position. The Director will play a lead role in running advocacy campaigns, community education efforts, and policy research to advance NYPIRG's environmental agenda. The Environmental Policy Director will also work with community members and college students to generate grassroots power to address frontline community needs and generational climate justice, providing a rewarding, meaningful, and exciting experience for civic-minded activists.

Description: The Environmental Policy Director will work with NYPIRG Fund's staff of researchers, organizers, and attorneys to advocate for policies addressing the growing dangers that climate change poses to our health and environment.

The Director will lead NYPIRG's efforts to combat climate change by addressing its root cause – the polluting fossil fuel industry. Campaigns will oppose the expansion of proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects, demand that the industry is held accountable for misleading the public over the dangers resulting from burning fossil fuels, and advance renewable energy solutions.

Additionally, as climate change and the industrial legacy of pollution jeopardize the availability of clean water, the Director will advocate for policies that protect the state's drinking water supplies and waterways. And as over 99% of plastics are sourced from fossil fuels, the Director will advocate for policies that end the use and production of single-use plastics and improve recycling.

By joining NYPIRG, the Director will join an organization which has led critical fights to ban fracking, shut down polluting incinerators, improve recycling, and support renewable energy, sustainability, and energy efficiency programs.

Primary Responsibilities Include:

- Develop environmental program's policy agenda
- Prepare supporting materials, testimonies, research and reports, and other resources
- Lead environmental program advocacy efforts at all levels of government
- Earn media coverage for priority campaigns and build relationships among news outlets and staff
- Convene and contribute to coalition efforts, including by engaging in advocacy efforts, conducting research, and coordinating grassroots actions
- Contribute to fundraising efforts to grow and sustain the environmental program
- Oversee NYPIRG's environmental department staff which includes regional coordinators
- Coordinate with other NYPIRG staff to implement environmental program plans

Salary & Benefits: The position has a starting annualized salary range between \$60,000 and \$70,000, and can be negotiable depending on experience. The position includes a generous health benefits package, two weeks of paid vacation, and unlimited sick days.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a minimum of five years of experience in policy advocacy work, particularly with New York State government or on environmental issues. Exceptional interpersonal communication and public speaking skills, strong writing skills, and a commitment to social change are required, as well as the desire to work with community members and college students. Ability to work with a wide array of personality types and to think on one's feet is highly desired. Busy days, occasional weekends, and some travel is necessary. The Environmental Policy Director's work schedule is designed to consider the official New York State Legislative calendar as well as the traditional collegiate academic year. The job location is in Albany, and we may consider New York City. A bachelor's degree, at a minimum, is required. Experience with community and student organizations, campaigns, or media is helpful. Proficiency with social media is a must. Fluency in Spanish is highly desired, but not required. The ideal candidate is a versatile, creative, and energetic person capable of handling numerous tasks expeditiously to meet the demands of ever evolving policy debates.

How to Apply: Email a cover letter and resume (MSWord or PDF only please) as attachments to careers@nypirg.org with ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DIRECTOR in the subject line. No phone calls please. NYPIRG is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For all employment opportunities, people of color, women, and LGBTQIA individuals are highly encouraged to apply.

The New York Public Interest Research Group Fund (NYPIRG) is a not-for-profit, non-partisan, research and advocacy organization. NYPIRG empowers community members and college students to shape public policy and create social change through the development of essential activism skills.

Since 1976, NYPIRG has helped to pass over 150 pieces of legislation, and has won victories on a wide range of issues, including environmental preservation, consumer protection, public health, government accountability, higher education, and mass transit.

Recent victories include a ban on hydrofracking, the elimination of credit checks in the hiring process, as well as several tuition freezes for state colleges in New York State.

Notable former NYPIRG staff include college professionals, business executives, attorneys, journalists, local and statewide legislators, and even a United States President!