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NYPIRG ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) today announced three new additions to its policy team.

Anne Rabe has joined as NYPIRG's new Environmental Policy Director. Anne has over 40 years' experience as a lobbyist, executive director, advocate, and senior program coordinator for statewide and national non-profit advocacy organizations, such as the New York State Defenders Association, the Citizens Environmental Coalition, the national Center for Health, Environment & Justice. Anne also served as a senior legislative assistant for a New York State Assemblymember. As Policy Director, she will advocate on a wide range of climate change, toxic and hazardous waste, drinking water quality, and solid waste issues. She will also be supervising NYPIRG's "*What's In My Water*" web-service (<https://www.nypirg.org/whatsinmywater/>), which educates New Yorkers about the state of their drinking water and the presence of contaminants found through laboratory testing. She is based in Albany.

Kyle Giller has joined NYPIRG as a Consumer Justice Staff Attorney helping lead the organization's work on consumer justice issues and focusing on its *Small Claims Court Action Centers*. He is a graduate of CUNY Law School and admitted to the Bar in New York. Prior to coming to NYPIRG, Kyle was a staff attorney at Bronx Legal Services, where he represented tenants at all stages of litigation. Since 1977, NYPIRG's Small Claims Court Action Centers has offered help to New Yorkers with consumer problems and complaints, such as the purchase of defective goods, shoddy services, unreturned security deposits, property damage or falling victim to deceptive business practices. Kyle will help lead the team of counselors who offer free assistance with consumer problems and in navigating the Small Claims Court through NYPIRG's statewide Action Center which can be reached at 800-566-5020. He is based in New York City.

Natasha Elder-Trim has joined as NYPIRG's New York City Regional Director for Equity and Resiliency Projects. Natasha has years of experience in the NYC non-profit sector, including a focus on serving individuals with histories of incarceration, mental illness, homelessness, substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS. She has a Masters in Social Work from CUNY Hunter College. As Regional Director, she will be primarily advocating for policies that respond to the threats climate change poses to the City, its infrastructure, and communities. Among her responsibilities will be directing the NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign's New York City campaigns. Since the late 1970s, the *Straphangers Campaign* has played a leading role in building a consensus for scores of billions of dollars in new investments in metropolitan transit -- through rider organizing, coalition building, research, and reports (<https://www.straphangers.org/>). She is based in New York City.