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THREE STEPS FORWARD, ONE STEP BACK IN IMPLEMENTING NEW YORK STATE'S CLIMATE LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT (CLCPA)

**Three Steps Forward: Passage of Appliance & Buildings Standards Act,
Cryptocurrency Mining Moratorium & Geothermal Utility Network Jobs Creation Act
One Major Step Backward: Failure to Pass All-Electric Buildings Act in Assembly & Senate
*Jeopardizes State Meeting CLCPA 2030 Goal***

(Albany) The State Legislature passed three major bills in the last days of session which place New York in the national forefront on energy efficient standards, expansion of geothermal renewable energy, union just transition, and hit the appropriate pause button on cryptocurrency mining. However, the failure of the Assembly and Senate to pass the All-Electric Building Act (AEBA) is a major step backwards, which clearly jeopardizes the state's legal obligation to meet the CLCPA 2030 goal. The AEBA is a first-step strategy requiring new buildings be all electric, starting with smaller buildings in 2024 and larger buildings by 2027. The Climate Action Council (CAC) recommends such legislation be passed by 2022.

“We commend the Assembly and Senate for passing three landmark bills, providing a national model on how to effectively address three key components of the nation's climate crisis,” said **Anne Rabe, Environmental Policy Director of NYPIRG**. “The UN says it is now or never and we must take action to address the climate crisis. The world must halve its carbon emissions in the next eight years or there will not have a livable planet. Yet this session, the Legislature took three steps forward and a major step backwards.”

“The failure of the Assembly, Senate and Governor to enact the All-Electric Buildings Act, S.6843-C (Kavanagh) and A.8341-B (Gallagher), into law is a tragic mistake that perpetuates the negative impact of the climate crisis on all New Yorkers, especially disadvantaged communities,” said Rabe. The AEBA can be implemented today, heat pumps work in cold climates, the grid is ready, and the costs for new electric homes are cheaper. The clock is ticking.”

The following three bills passed both houses of the legislature.

- The **Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards** (S.7176 Parker/A.8143 (Fahy)) reduces energy costs and aligns the Energy Code with the CLCPA to improve energy efficiency standards for the construction, rehabilitation and operation of new buildings, products and appliances.
- The **Crypto Mining Moratorium Act** (S.6486-D Parker/A.7389-C Kelles) legislation, places a moratorium on issuing new pollution permits for proof-of-work crypto mining at converted fossil fuel power plants until the Department of Environmental Conservation conducts a Generic Environmental Impact Statement.
- The **Utility Thermal Energy Network and Jobs Act** (S.9422 Parker/A.10493 Joyner) helps the state decarbonize buildings by removing the legal barriers to utility development of thermal energy networks; directs utilities to commence thermal energy network pilots; directs the Public Service Commission to develop regulations for utility thermal energy networks; and ensures the development of well trained, highly skilled craft persons for thermal energy network projects and promotes good jobs.

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