STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF STAFFMEMBER RYAN THORESEN CARSON

With shock and profound sadness NYPIRG shares that our long time campaign organizer Ryan Thoresen Carson died tragically after a random street encounter near his home.

Ryan got his start with NYPIRG as a student at Pratt Institute and then represented the chapter on NYPIRG’s student board of directors. He went on to hold a variety of positions over his decade of service, including working with our community outreach program, as a campus based Project Coordinator, and most recently as Senior Solid Waste Campaign Manager, leading our statewide campaign to expand and modernize the state’s bottle deposit law.

Ryan was a beloved staffer, colleague and friend, and a creative, talented, relentless and upbeat advocate for students and the environment. His engaging personality, hearty laugh and wide-ranging intelligence were keys to his success in advancing the causes he deeply cared about in his work and personal life. Ryan was a consummate team player who would happily undertake the basic “blocking and tackling” tasks necessary to advance and win on an issue, but also shined in the spotlight as a leader, campaign manager and spokesperson.

NYPIRG offers its deepest condolences to Ryan’s family, friends and colleagues.