

The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
Executive Chamber  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

As organizations representing the youngest adults in New York, we write to urgently appeal that you include the Climate Change Superfund Act in the FY 2024-2025 Executive Budget. The staggering and growing climate burden that we will have to bear *must* be offset by revenues from those responsible for the largest greenhouse gas emissions.

As you know, New York State's growing climate burden will grow from billions now to tens of billions by our middle age. Currently, New York taxpayers are footing the entire bill resulting from climate damages – rising sea levels, more intense storms, hotter temperatures, more pollution, etc.

That is not fair to anyone today and nor is it fair to future generations who will bear those mushrooming costs. Instead, those responsible – most notably the largest oil companies – should be held financially accountable.

The bill we support (S.2129A/A.3351A) is a just source of revenue to address the climate crisis. Based on the “polluter pays” legal principle, this legislation ensures that the largest oil companies are held financially responsible for the rising costs of the climate catastrophe, specifically for funding climate damage repair and resilience projects. Under the bill, the companies responsible for the largest greenhouse gas emissions are charged an aggregate \$3 billion annually (the more GHG that a company is responsible for, the greater the share of the \$3 billion).

The revenues generated are to be used for the state's climate costs – improved infrastructure, air conditioning in schools, etc. *The legislation is designed to ensure that the oil companies cannot pass those charges from the Climate Superfund onto the public.*

Why should Big Oil be on the hook? It was, after all, the decisions of those companies that have resulted in the worsening climate catastrophe that we are experiencing. Why should we bear the entire cost?

We shouldn't, and your inclusion of the Climate Change Superfund Act in your budget will change that. Failure to make Big Oil financially accountable means that we will bear this burden for the rest of our adult lives. We urge you to stand with, and protect, New York taxpayers.

And the companies have the money. The largest oil companies have raked in \$750 billion in *profits* since 2021. New Yorkers’ financial exposure from rising climate costs has been estimated at \$100 billion according to a statement by Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos in a Capital Tonight interview. *“Listen, we know from two years of very intensive research that the cost of inaction on climate in New York far exceeds the cost of action by the tune of over \$100 billion.”*

As you know, the Climate Change Superfund Act passed the Senate last session, has 68 legislative sponsors combined in both houses, and is strongly supported by over 240 national, statewide, and regional environmental, environmental justice, health, faith, labor and community organizations, such as Building Performance Contractors Association, Citizen Action, DC 37, Environmental Advocates, League of Women Voters, NYPIRG, NRDC, NY-GEO, NYS Council of Churches, NYS Nurses Association, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter, UAW Region 9A, United University Professions and WE ACT for Environmental Justice.

**The climate crisis poses an immediate and grave threat to *our* future. Our organizations strongly urge you to include S.2129A/A.3351A in your FY 2024-2025 Executive Budget. New York State should be a leader with this first-in-the-nation, just and fair approach to ensure the state’s efforts to respond to global warming are funded by the industry that profited from and is responsible for the climate crisis.** Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

<b>Club or Organization Name</b>	<b>College Campus</b>
5 percent	SUNY New Paltz
Acorns to Action	SUNY ESF
Active Minds	SUNY New Paltz
African International Club	College of Staten Island
American Fisheries Society (AFS)	SUNY ESF
Animation Appreciation Club	SUNY New Paltz
Anime Club	Queens College
Anime Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Anthropology Club	Brooklyn College
Anthropology/Media Studies Club	SUNY Purchase
Arabica Culture Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI)	College of Staten Island
Asian Student Union at Hunter College	Hunter College
Bangladeshi Student Association (BSA)	Queens College
BC Sustainability Club	Brooklyn College
BCC Student Government Association	Bronx Community College
Bengali Student Association of Hunter College	Hunter College
Best Buddies	SUNY Cortland
Best Buddies	Hunter College
Black Student Union	Brooklyn College

Black Student Union	Hunter College
Blacksmithing Club	SUNY ESF
BMCC Music Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
BMCC Painting Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Brooklyn College Anime Manga Corps	Brooklyn College
Brooklyn College Dream Team	Brooklyn College
Brooklyn College Speech and Debate Team	Brooklyn College
Business Society	Queensborough Community College
Campus Activities Board (CAB)	College of Staten Island
Caribbean Student Coalition	Queensborough Community College
Caribbean Students Association	SUNY Cortland
CCNY Green	City College of Manhattan
Cheese Club	SUNY Purchase
Chi Alpha	Queens College
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship	Queens College
Chinese Cultural Association Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
City Tech Library	City Tech
	Group that engages families, primarily those with young children, in climate activism
Climate Families NYC	SUNY ESF
Climbing Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Computer Programming Club	Queens College
Creative Media Club	SUNY Cortland
Crochet Club	College of Staten Island
CSI Campus Activities Board	College of Staten Island
CSI Finance and Economics Club	College of Staten Island
CSI Hiking Club	SUNY New Paltz
Democracy Matters	SUNY ESF
Entomology Club	
Environmental Club at High School for Health Professionals (HPS)	HPS
Epic Glee Club	SUNY New Paltz
ESF Friends of Recreation, Conservation, and Environmental Stewardship (FORCES)	SUNY ESF
Fashion Flick Society Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Fridays for Future Capital District NY	SUNY Albany
Friends of Oakwood	SUNY ESF
Garden Club	College of Staten Island
Graduate Student Association	SUNY ESF
Guy A. Baldassarre Birding Club	SUNY ESF
Hawkappella	Hunter College
Healing Blessings	Hunter College
Health & Wellness Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Hillel at Purchase College	SUNY Purchase

Hispanic Club	Queens College
Humans of Asian and Polynesian Ancestry (HAPA)	SUNY Purchase
Hunter College Men's Volleyball	Hunter College
Hunter College Undergraduate Student Government	Hunter College
Hunter Student Veterans Club	Hunter College
Hunter TREEage	Hunter College
Illustrator's Club	SUNY ESF
In Living Color	SUNY New Paltz
Interfaith Climate Justice Community of WNY	Buffalo State University (retired)
International Student Association	SUNY ESF
Japanese Club of Hunter College	Hunter College
Japanese Visual Culture Club	College of Staten Island
Justice is Global (JiG)	SUNY New Paltz
Korean Culture Club	Brooklyn College
La Familia Latina	SUNY Cortland
Latine Unidos (LU)	SUNY Purchase
Latinos Of the Caribbean(LOCS)	Hunter College
LGBTQ CLUB	CCNY
Life Drawing Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Lost in Thought	College of Staten Island
Male Resource Center (MRC)	Queensborough Community College
Marine Biology Society	College of Staten Island
Medical Roots Program	City College of Manhattan
Medication Abortion	SUNY New Paltz
Men's Basketball	SUNY Purchase
Mighty Oak Student Assembly (MOSA)	SUNY ESF
Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Model United Nations	City College of Manhattan
Multicultural Center	SUNY Purchase
Music Club	City Tech
Muslim Student Association	College of Staten Island
Muslim Student Association	SUNY New Paltz
Muslim Student Association (MSA)	Queens College
Muslim Students Association	Queensborough Community College
Neuroscience Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
New Paltz Drag Collective	SUNY New Paltz
Non-Traditional Student Organization	SUNY Cortland
Office of the Arts Ambassadors	Hunter College
Open Alliance Club	City College of Manhattan
Open Minds Exchange	College of Staten Island
Organization of African Peoples in the Americas (OAPIA)	SUNY Purchase

Outdoors Club	SUNY Purchase
Outing Club	SUNY New Paltz
Philippine American Organization (PAO)	City College of New York
Philippine American Society	College of Staten Island
Poetry Club	SUNY ESF
Poetry of the East Club at Hunter	Hunter College
Political Science Club	Brooklyn College
Political Science Club	Queens College
Pratt Gaming Club	Pratt Institute
Pre-Law Society	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Pre-Med Club	SUNY Purchase
Public Service Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Purchase Christian Fellowship	SUNY Purchase
Purchase College Cheer Team	SUNY Purchase
Purchase Men's Lacrosse Team	SUNY Purchase
Purchase Phoenix	SUNY Purchase
Purchase Television	SUNY Purchase
QC Soon Movement	Queens College
Queer Student Union	Hunter College
Rainbow Panther Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Restoration Pals/Eco Restoration/SER	SUNY ESF
Role Playing Games Club	SUNY Cortland
Rubik's Cube Club	Hunter College
Sculpture Club	Borough of Manhattan Community College
Seekers Christian Fellowship	City Tech
Sew Knotty	SUNY ESF
Sexuality & Gender Alliance (SAGA)	SUNY ESF
Sixth Street Community Center Teen Climate Justice Program	Community program
Society of Women Engineers	College of Staten Island
Spanish Club	College of Staten Island
Sport Management Club	SUNY Cortland
StageCraft Club	City Tech
Student Association	Syracuse University
Student Government	College of Staten Island
Student Government Association	SUNY Cortland
Student Government Association	Queensborough Community College
Student Government Association	City Tech
Student Government Association	Pratt Institute
Student Government Association (SGA)	SUNY Purchase
Student Government of CSI	College of Staten Island
Student Life & Development (SLD)	City Tech
Student Success Center	City Tech

Students for justice in Palestine (SJP)	College of Staten Island
Sunrise SBU	Stony Brook University
SUNY Cortland Animal Rights Activism Club	SUNY Cortland
SUNY Cortland Panhellenic Association	SUNY Cortland
SUNY Cortland Recreation Association	SUNY Cortland
SUNY Cortland Recreation Association (SCRA)	SUNY Cortland
SUNY ESF Music Society	SUNY ESF
SUNY ESF Sustainable Energy Club	SUNY ESF
SUNY New Paltz Environmental Task Force	SUNY New Paltz
SUNY New Paltz Student Association Senate	SUNY New Paltz
SUNY New Paltz Zine Collective	SUNY New Paltz
SUNY NP Music Therapy Student Association	SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Purchase Political Science Club	SUNY Purchase
Sustainability Advisory and Outreach Committee	SUNY Purchase
Swim Team	SUNY Purchase
Take Back The Night	SUNY New Paltz
The Alternative Center	SUNY Purchase
The Banner	College of Staten Island
The Caribbean Latin Coalition	SUNY New Paltz
The Environmental Alliance	SUNY New Paltz
The Evolutionary Studies Club	SUNY New Paltz
The Fahari Libertad	SUNY New Paltz
The Kinght News (TKN)	Queens College
The Olivetree Review	Hunter College
The Paper	City College of Manhattan
The Wildlife Society	SUNY ESF
Theatre Club	Hunter College
Theta Phi Gamma	Hunter College
Together Representing an Organization for Philippine Americans (TROPA)	Queens College
Veterinary Club	SUNY ESF
Video Game Club	Queensborough Community College
WHCS Radio	Hunter College
Women's Club Lacrosse Team	SUNY Cortland
Writers' Guild	Borough of Manhattan Community College
WSIA Radio	College of Staten Island
Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA)	Queensborough Community College
Young Democratic Socialists of America @ Syracuse University/SUNY-ESF	Syracuse University