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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON GOV. HOCHUL'S DELAY OF THE
ALL ELECTRIC BUILDINGS ACT**

(New York, N.Y.) Last week, the Hochul administration agreed to allow for a delay of the All Electric Buildings Act (AEBA), passed and signed into law in 2023. The AEBA provides for a transition to all electric new buildings in the state, in order to reduce air pollution, and improve public health and energy efficiency. The AEBA was set to take effect in January 2026. Fossil fuel interests filed to challenge the law, and that case is making its way through the courts. A challenge to a local NYC law providing for all-electric new buildings was dismissed earlier this year, allowing the law to move forward.

The following statement is attributable to Eric Wood, Senior Environmental Program Coordinator for NYPIRG, the New York Public Interest Research Group.

"The Governor supported the All Electric Building Act in 2023 because it's a common sense approach to reduce climate-warming pollution and make new buildings healthier and more efficient. The Governor's turn-about is extremely concerning and does not help the state meet the climate benchmarks it must. The requirements set forth by the All Electric Building Act prioritize decarbonizing homes in disadvantaged communities, where public health improvements are critically needed. The State must remain a leader on climate issues and implement the All Electric Buildings Act on time to help solve the energy affordability and public health crises that New Yorkers are currently facing. New York can't afford a Governor that abandons climate action."

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