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**NYPIRG Reacts to Governor Hochul’s Proposal to Secretly Negotiate Rolling Back the Nation’s Leading Energy Affordability Climate Law During the Budget Process; Public Would be Left in the Dark in Behind-Closed-Doors Process  
Governor Has Not Issued Bill Language**

**(Albany, NY)** Today, Governor Hochul released a statement through the press about major changes she’d like to delay implementation of the 2019 Climate Law. She is aiming to include changes in the current budget negotiation process, scheduled to conclude in just 11 days.

**The following statement is attributed to Eric Wood, Senior Environmental Program Coordinator at NYPIRG.**

“Governor Hochul’s proposal to gut the nation’s leading energy affordability and climate adaptation program, the Climate Law, through secret budget negotiations does nothing to address the energy affordability crisis brought on by volatile and escalating oil and gas prices. Cramming major changes into the budget process behind closed doors at the eleventh hour and without public input is bad policymaking and won’t lead to lower bills or lower pollution.”