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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON NYCEDC \$7 MILLION INVESTMENT IN CUNY TO
DEVELOP GREEN WORKFORCE**

(New York, N.Y.) Today, the NYC Economic Development Corporation and CUNY announced a \$7 million capital investment plan to support projects at several CUNY campuses, specifically aimed to train and develop students for climate-focused careers.

The following statement is attributable to Jana Bergere, NYPIRG Program Coordinator.

"NYPIRG applauds the announcement that NYC's Economic Development Corporation is investing in CUNY, its students, and New York City's green economy. CUNY is training the future of the green workforce now and with this investment, students will be better supported as they launch their climate resiliency and decarbonization careers. This announcement goes hand-in-glove with the need for New York State to also meet CUNY's capital funding needs. Students deserve learning environments that are clean and safe and years of underfunding has left CUNY with a skyscraper-sized backlog of maintenance and critical infrastructure repair needs. Investment in campus maintenance and climate friendly infrastructure will help meet the demands of the climate crisis and the needs of CUNY students."

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