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**NYPIRG STATEMENT REGARDING TODAY'S DECISION TO BLOCK NEW YORK'S
LANDMARK CLIMATE CHANGE SUPERFUND ACT**

Today a federal judge blocked New York's landmark law, the Climate Change Superfund Act. The judge ruled that the state statute was legally "indistinguishable" from a lawsuit brought by the City of New York against major oil companies. New York's Climate Superfund requires the companies who are largely responsible for greenhouse gas emissions to contribute \$75 billion over 25 years to cover the state's expenses for damages caused by climate change.

NYPIRG's Senior Policy Advisor Blair Horner responded:

"New Yorkers may not be focused on the legitimate legal distinctions between a lawsuit brought by New York City against major oil companies and a state law that requires companies to be responsible for some of the costs of the worsening climate, with its devastating flash flooding, more intense heat waves, rising sea levels, and choking air quality from wildfires. What New Yorkers know for sure is that the damages caused by the worsening climate are hammering their wallets and unless this decision is reversed, they will face higher taxes or reduced public services – or both – to the tune of \$75 billion.

NYPIRG urges New York State Attorney General Letitia James to file an appeal, not only to protect the public's health and wellbeing, but to protect taxpayers too."