

Dear NYS Climate Action Council,

I am writing in firm support of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), as it provides security for our planet, ensuring its maintenance and assisting disadvantaged communities. It originates from India, where the climate is constantly (and abnormally) changing due to negligence and continued practice of the wrong things (i.e. eating too much meat, burning fuel, smoking). Part of the reason I took so much care of the environment in my local neighborhood was to mitigate effects of it everywhere. That, compounded by re-inforcement from my peers, family, teachers, and neighbors, led me to understand how invaluable the planet was, and the steps that individuals could take to reduce negative impact. The CLCPA, which targets these issues, will have immense influence over the environment, and will ensure better protection of the planet. While this may be costly, it is worth generations of a better planet. However, some of the targets listed are too outstretched, as it lists more general needs rather than action steps. One of the easiest ways to improve the situation is through the creation of smart cities: using smart technology, connected devices, and renewable energy. Cities can run more efficiently, without overconsumption of resources. Furthermore, with benefits going to serve marginalized communities, those who are vulnerable will be able to receive the help they need. Inequities will be fewer. In a way, this is a chain reaction, and every small step towards protecting the planet is a step in the right direction. I urge you to take this seriously, and work actively to enforce policies which will benefit the people, and, most importantly, the planet.



Sincerely,
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