

Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act Public Hearing: Talking Points

- Good evening
- Thank you for this opportunity
- Thank you for your time and effort with this initiative.
- The region we represent produces 4.5 billion in annual shipments of manufactured goods. Clearly manufacturing is an incredibly important component of our economy
- Science and facts tell us that as a nation and as a world we must collectively take immediate action to combat global warming.
- As we take action in combatting global warming, we must make sure we take into account consumer demand through the lens of economic and workforce development.
- It is imperative that we as we approach climate goals that we find solutions that balance economic and environmental sustainability.
- And establish goals that recognize:

- Affordability so that our businesses can compete and our citizens want to stay in New York.
 - And that the goals take into account the reliability & resiliency in both production and distribution of energy.
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- Manufacturers in the United State perform 58% of all private sector research and development in the nation. We drive more innovation than any other sector.
 - We ask that New York State work with us to meet the objectives of this effort. Every manufacturer in our region and the employees in those companies are innovation centers. Innovation takes place every single minute of every single day. Bring us into this process in a meaningful way.
 - We ask that New York State extend this public comment period to allow for further input from businesses and citizens.
 - And we ask that New York State take a strategic approach to this challenge with us and consider how the Regional Economic Development Councils might play a role in bringing together coalitions of organizations to strategically plan how the goals can be met.

- We ask that New York State consider the timeline. It is not realistic. The unintended consequence of the plan as proposed is businesses will forgo pending investments in their companies, employees will move out of state.
- And finally, we ask that New York State take a strategic approach to this challenge with us and consider how the Regional Economic Development Councils might play a role in bringing together coalitions of organizations to strategically plan how the goals can be met.
- Let's work together and harness the research and development and innovation of our manufacturers and our manufacturing workforce and figure this out together.