

*Indigenous communities in New York State have always been on the frontline of direct impacts of climate change and have the distinct cultural, ecological, and historical relationship to the land in understanding best practices for stewardship. They are well informed about how to meet the energy needs of their people and NYS' ambitious climate goals; their voices are critical. Therefore, it is imperative that Indigenous communities are properly consulted and given decision-making power around the processes taking place at the [Climate Action Council](#) given the vast implications of policies, land practices, and funding mechanisms being considered. State-to-Nation channels must be established to ensure collaboration from Indigenous communities as to the Scoping Plan in a manner that respects the timeline for the unique decision-making processes within the Nations.*

*One Dish, One Spoon is a cultural and spiritual practice that means the land provides for all, and if some have an abundance of something, they share with others. This aligns completely with NYS' vow for environmental justice for marginalized communities. Any exploitation and pollution of the natural resources of their Territories are also impacts to the cultural resources and health of the Haudenosaunee including non-Indigenous people, as we share the land with them. The omission of the Haudenosaunee not only reveals the inequality and injustice they endure, but continues to build on NYS' tactics to keep the Haudenosaunee invisible and marginalized- culturally, spiritually, and economically. There are already many barriers Indigenous communities face in accessing and benefiting from the renewable energy transition. These barriers and concerns can only be addressed when robust, genuine, and dedicated state- to-Nation dialogue is conducted over time.*

*Please participate in influencing the energy and climate future by telling NYS that you recognize the Haudenosaunee Confederacy as sovereign Nations with political and cultural agency. We have power in our collective voice; let's use it to make the right change to ensure a future for the next seven generations to come.*