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Dear Chair Krueger, Chair Weinstein, and members of the New York State Legislature,

My name is Adriana Vink, I'm a youth climate activist with Sunrise Movement NYC. We were heartened to see incredible wins for climate justice last session, from the Build Public Renewables Act to the All Electric Buildings Act. **This session, the Legislature must pass three critical bills in the State Budget — the NY Heat Act, the Stop Climate Polluter Handouts Act, and the Climate Change Superfund Act — to effectively implement the goals of the CLCPA and to further combat the climate crisis.**

The NY HEAT (Home Energy Affordable Transition) Act, S2016A/A4592B, would repeal \$200 million in subsidies for the expansion of gas infrastructure, provision that the Public Service Commission must develop a plan for New York to get off gas, and strengthen affordability protections for consumers. High energy bills force too many working families in New York to choose between paying their utility bills and paying for necessities like food or medicine. The NY HEAT act is essential to our state's transition away from dirty fuel sources and towards a just, green economy.

The Climate Superfund Act, S2129A/A3351S, which would tax the worst emitters of greenhouse gasses at a rate of \$3 billion per year for 25 years would be a game-changing investment for our state—raising revenues to strengthen NY's climate resilience and creating green, union jobs in the process.

The Stop Climate Polluter Handouts Act, S3389/A7949A, would end \$330 million in tax breaks for the most damaging oil and gas projects: oil and gas used to operate fracked gas infrastructure, “bunker” fuels, airline fuel, diesel used in manufacturing, and fuel used in research for the fossil fuel industry. New York taxpayers foot a bill of \$1.6 billion each year in handouts to the companies destroying our communities, lining their pockets with money derived from our bloodshed. The Stop Climate Polluter Handouts Act is a necessary step towards a transition to an equitable future.

Moms, like mine, working two jobs to support their families cannot afford to wait for expensive energy bills to lower. Neighborhoods facing rising temperatures, like mine in Kensington, Brooklyn, cannot afford to wait for adaptation measures like cooling centers on our hottest days. Communities hit by superstorms, like Rockland and Orange counties just this year, cannot afford to wait for the bridges and roads in their towns to be repaired. Kids with asthma cannot afford to wait to breathe. Fossil fuel companies *can* afford to pay just a fraction of the percentage of the trillions they make in profit every year.

**The Legislature must pass three critical bills in the State Budget: the NY Heat Act, the Stop Climate Polluter Handouts Act, and the Climate Change Superfund Act because we cannot afford to wait—not for another second and certainly not for another session.**

Thank you,  
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