



sixth street community center

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The Senate Finance Committee
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Senator Krueger, Senator Harckham and Senator Parker,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written testimony. My name is Hennessy Garcia from Sixth Street Community Center. I am a climate justice organizer. I am writing as a coalition member of NY Renews—a coalition of over 320 organizations representing hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers organizing for a just and equitable transition away from fossil fuels and toward our clean energy future. NY Renews has fought hard to win the Climate Act. Now we need to win its actualization; which is why we've developed the **Climate, Jobs & Justice Package (CJJP)**. Our fight is not abstract: our package will help us raise the money the State will require to put key just transition programs in place; help direct State money to the communities and programs we need; and create tens of thousands of good, family-sustaining union jobs and build renewable, low-cost, clean energy for every New Yorker in the process. We are demanding \$10 billion in the 2023/2024 executive budget to kickstart Climate Act implementation.

Climate, Jobs & Justice Package will make New Yorkers' lives better and easier: it will ensure that 40 percent of the state's clean energy benefits go to disadvantaged communities, create unionized jobs in the clean energy sector, lower utility bills, protect our air and water, and ultimately lead to healthy, thriving neighborhoods and New York State.

Inaction is not an option. New York State has a short time to meet its legally mandated climate change obligations and literally save the lives of New Yorkers. Without strong action—legislative and regulatory—as well as a transformative increase in funding we will not meet these goals and the victory of the climate law will be hollow.

Lastly, again we are demanding \$10 billion in the 2023/2024 executive budget to kickstart Climate Act implementation. NY State is not immune to the climate crisis. It's already affecting us. Look at the communities in Buffalo and in the South Bronx. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Hennessy Garcia
Climate Justice Organizer