

Dear Governor Hochul:

We, the undersigned Capital District and Hudson Valley organizations, urge your support for an immediate ban on gas in new building construction by the end of 2023.

In December, New York City enacted such a ban, striking a powerful blow against the fossil fuel industry, promoting good green jobs and reducing local air pollution while reducing the greenhouse gases driving climate change. Now it's time for you to lead the way, helping establish New York as the first state in the nation to begin this necessary transition off fossil fuels in buildings.

The on-the-ground evidence shows that new buildings can be built and operated with heat pumps and at higher energy efficiency at effectively the same cost as buildings relying on fossil fuels. Meanwhile, the deadly impacts of climate change are already being felt by New Yorkers, with storms and heat waves devastating our communities and taking lives. It is time for bold action to prevent further catastrophe.

We appreciate that your proposed budget includes a ban on gas in new construction. However, your proposal establishes the date for the ban to take effect as late as 2027. That's dangerously and unnecessarily too long to wait. New York City's gas ban begins at the end of 2023. Likewise, legislation introduced by Senator Kavanagh and Assemblymember Gallagher institutes a ban by the end of 2023. In light of the worsening climate crisis, we urge you to support the more rapid timeframe in this year's budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Progressive Schenectady  
New Paltz Climate Action Coalition  
NYPAN Greene  
Congregation Beth Shalom  
Women Against War  
PAUSE (People of Albany United for Safe Energy)  
Green Education and Legal Fund  
Solidarity Committee, Capital District  
NY Climate Advocacy Project  
Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline  
Sheridan Hollow Alliance for Renewable Energy (SHARE)  
Energy Catalyst Technologies LLC  
Aztech Geothermal, LLC  
Solarize Albany  
North Country Earth Action  
Solarize Albany

Future of Small Cities Institute  
The Climate Reality Project: Capital Region, NY Chapter

cc: Capital District and Hudson Valley Senate and Assembly members

Dear Governor Hochul:

We, the undersigned Rochester organizations, urge your support for an immediate ban on gas in new building construction statewide by the end of 2023.

Rochester is already seeing the impacts of the climate crisis, and it will only get worse without immediate action. More rain and rising water levels can erode the shoreline along Lake Ontario, and cause severe flash flooding events. Just this past summer, Rochester experienced an extreme heatwave, which is anticipated to become far more common as the climate crisis worsens. These impacts are documented to disproportionately harm low-income communities and communities of color, which represents many in Rochester.

Burning fossil fuels for energy use in buildings is the state's top source of climate-heating pollution. All electric buildings would rely on heat pumps for heating, cooling, and hot water and greater energy efficiency – instead of polluting fossil fuels. Many new buildings are already being built and operated with heat pumps and at higher energy efficiency at effectively the same cost as buildings heated and cooled by fossil fuel boilers and furnaces. It is time for bold statewide action to prevent worsening economic, environmental, and public health impacts.

In December, New York City ended gas in new construction, which will create clean energy jobs and reduce local and climate-heating air pollution. Now it's time for you to lead the way, helping establish New York as the first state in the nation to transition buildings off fossil fuels.

We appreciate that your proposed budget includes a ban on gas in new construction. However, your proposal establishes the date for the ban to take effect as late as 2027. That's dangerously too long to wait. Legislation introduced by Senator Kavanaugh and Assemblymember Gallagher institutes a ban by the end of 2023, similar to the New York City law. In light of the worsening climate crisis, we urge you to support the more rapid and appropriate timeframe in this year's budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Church Women United in New York State  
Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region  
Color Henrietta Green  
Roctricity  
Rural Housing Opportunities Corp.  
Sunrise Rochester  
Wise Home Energy  
Colorbrightongreen  
GBC Sustainability Team  
ABCRGR Creation Collaborative

Halco  
Irondequoit United Church of Christ  
Color Irondequoit Green

cc: Rochester area Senators and Assemblymembers

Hon. Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

February 7th, 2022

Dear Governor Hochul:

New York City just ended gas in new construction, which will create clean energy jobs and reduce local and climate-heating air pollution. As organizations active in Westchester County, we support this vital transition. We are writing to urge you to support passage of an immediate gas ban statewide. Now that new buildings can be built and operated with heat pumps and at higher energy efficiency at effectively the same cost as buildings heated and cooled by boilers and furnaces relying on fossil fuels, it is time for statewide action.

We are already feeling the effects of the climate crisis. In September, Hurricane Ida killed six people in Westchester County alone. Each summer, we lose people to heat waves and the effects of heat-aggravating smog. These tragic deaths from heat and storms fueled by the climate crisis are a terrible preview of the vast toll if climate change is not held in check.

At the same time, a ban on gas in new construction will create clean energy jobs. Already, because of local restrictions on gas, some areas in Westchester have been gas-free for new construction. The building and construction industry has adjusted: air or ground source heat pumps are now being installed across the county. A new green industry is accelerating in job growth, which is especially beneficial to workers in renovation and construction.

We appreciate that you included a ban on gas in new construction in your proposed Executive budget for the state. However, your proposal defers the date for the ban to take effect as late as 2027. That's too long to wait. New York City's gas ban begins at the end of 2023. Likewise, state legislation introduced by Senator Kavanaugh and Assemblymember Gallagher institutes a ban by the end of 2023. We urge you to come together with the State Senate and State Assembly to pass such a requirement in the state budget.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Bedford 2030  
Brightcore Energy  
Climate Reality Project, Westchester Chapter  
Dandelion Energy  
Earthkeeper Health Resources

Grassroots Environmental Education  
Green Ossining  
Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition  
Mothers Out Front- Westchester Rivertowns  
NYCD16 Indivisible  
RENU Engineering Technologies  
Safe Energy Rights Group  
Sierra Club Lower Hudson  
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion  
Sunrise Westchester  
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.

Cc: Westchester County Senate and Assembly members

Hon. Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

February 5th, 2022

Dear Governor Hochul:

We, the undersigned Western New York organizations, urge your support for a ban on gas in new building construction statewide by the end of 2023.

Western New York is already experiencing impacts from the climate crisis, from the growth of toxic algae blooms on Lake Erie, to crumbling lake shorelines, more intense storms, and life-threatening flash floods.

Burning fossil fuels for energy use in buildings is the state's top source of climate-heating pollution. All-electric buildings would rely on heat pumps for heating, cooling, and hot water and greater energy efficiency – instead of polluting fossil fuels. The technology has been proven. Across the state, new buildings are already being built and operated with heat pumps and at higher energy efficiency at effectively the same cost as buildings heated and cooled by fossil fuel boilers and furnaces. Our organizations do not want Western New York to be left behind with more polluting buildings, and worsening air quality. That's why bold action to electrify new buildings statewide is critical.

In December, New York City ended gas in new construction, which will create clean energy jobs and reduce local and climate-heating air pollution. Now it's time for you to lead the way, helping establish New York as the first state in the nation to transition buildings off fossil fuels.

We appreciate that your proposed budget includes a ban on gas in new construction. However, your proposal establishes the date for the ban to take effect as late as 2027. That's dangerously too long to wait. Legislation introduced by Senator Kavanaugh and Assemblymember Gallagher institutes a ban by the end of 2023, similar to the New York City law. In light of the worsening climate crisis, we urge you to support the more rapid and appropriate timeframe in this year's budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Clean Air Coalition of WNY  
Effervescence  
Environmental Justice Task Force of the WNY Peace Center  
Interfaith Climate Justice Community of WYY

NYPIRG at Buffalo State College  
Organize for Action WNY  
Sierra Club Niagara Group  
Western New York Environmental Alliance



Dear Governor Hochul:

We, the undersigned organizations of the Central New York region, urge your support for an immediate ban on gas in new building construction statewide by the end of 2023.

Syracuse currently experiences 10 to 15 days with temperatures that exceed 90 degrees in July and August. According to the New York Climate Clearinghouse's climate models, that number will increase by an average of 56 days per year by 2100. Temperatures above 90 degrees make people more susceptible to heat stroke and death, particularly in low income communities and communities of color. Additionally, the changing climate is already leading to more flooding and extreme weather events in the Central New York region.

Burning fossil fuels for energy use in buildings is the state's top source of climate-heating pollution. All electric buildings would rely on heat pumps for heating, cooling, and hot water and greater energy efficiency – instead of polluting fossil fuels. Many new buildings are already being built and operated with heat pumps and at higher energy efficiency at effectively the same cost as buildings heated and cooled by fossil fuel boilers and furnaces. It is time for bold statewide action to prevent worsening economic, environmental, and public health impacts.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GreeningUSA  
Peacework CSA  
NYPIRG at Syracuse University and SUNY ESF  
Syracuse Cultural Workers  
Syracuse Peace Council  
Alliance for a Green Economy  
Anthony's Heating and Contracting LLC  
NP Environmental  
CNY Poor Peoples Campaign  
CNY Solidarity Coalition

Halco  
Climate Change Awareness & Action  
Urban Jobs Task Force  
Green Party of Onondaga County

cc: Central New York Senators and Assemblymembers

Dear Governor Hochul:

We, the undersigned organizations of the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, urge your support for an immediate ban on gas in new building construction statewide by the end of 2023.

As major tourism and agricultural regions of the state, the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions of New York are particularly sensitive to the changing climate. Grapes are one of New York's highest-profile crops, and the New York Wine & Grape Foundation estimates that the industry accounts for nearly \$6 billion in direct economic impacts, including tourism. Grapes are a sensitive crop that need narrow temperatures for ideal growth and taste - but the Finger Lakes are already experiencing detrimental impacts from climate change, including overall warmer spring and summer temperatures, and more mildew, rot, and pests from increased rainfall and humidity.

Burning fossil fuels for energy use in buildings is the state's top source of climate-heating pollution. All electric buildings would rely on heat pumps for heating, cooling, and hot water and greater energy efficiency – instead of polluting fossil fuels. Many new buildings are already being built and operated with heat pumps and at higher energy efficiency at effectively the same cost as buildings heated and cooled by fossil fuel boilers and furnaces. It is time for bold statewide action to prevent worsening economic, environmental, and public health impacts.

In December, New York City ended gas in new construction, which will create clean energy jobs and reduce local and climate-heating air pollution, and in November, Ithaca voted to electrify and decarbonize all of its buildings. Now it's time for you to lead the way, helping establish New York as the first state in the nation to transition buildings off fossil fuels.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Fossil Free Tompkins  
Seneca Lake Guardian  
Gas Free Seneca  
Sustainable Tompkins, Inc.  
Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes  
Sustainable Tompkins, Inc.  
Campaign for Renewable Energy

People for a Healthy Environment  
Stone Quarry House  
Protecting Our Waters  
Coalition for Outreach, Policy & Education  
Elmirans and Friends Against Fracking  
Rural Housing Opportunities Corp.  
Dryden Resource Awareness Coalition  
NYPIRG at SUNY Cortland  
Fossil Free Tompkins  
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga  
Broome Tioga Green Party  
FrackBustersNY  
Coalition to Protect New York  
North Country Earth Action  
Mothers Out Front Tompkins  
Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative  
RTSPCPinnacle  
Susquehanna Group of Sierra Club  
Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow  
Chemung County Mother's Out Front  
Sunrise Ithaca  
UU Congregation of Binghamton, Green Sanctuary  
Climate Reality Finger Lakes Greater Region NY Chapter  
LaMorte Electric Heating and Cooling

cc: Southern Tier and Finger Lakes Senators and Assemblymembers