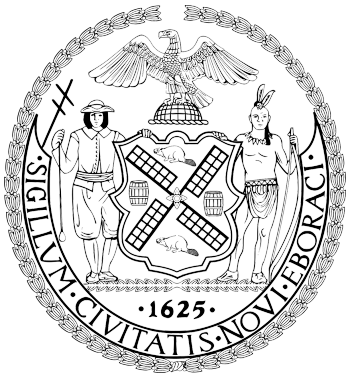

November 25, 2026

Subject: Council Members' Opposition to Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act

Dear Members of the New York Congressional Delegation:

We write in opposition to the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026, federal permitting reform legislation that would promote the construction of ICE detention facilities, data centers, and fossil fuel infrastructure.

This legislation, which is being championed by the Trump administration, rolls back key environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act. In doing so, it undercuts transparency, public engagement, environmental protection, and effective oversight. It weakens the ability of states and communities to block fracked gas pipelines and power plants, data centers, and other dangerous and costly projects.

The legislation is opposed by a broad coalition of environmental, human rights, and community organizations, including Food & Water Watch, the NAACP, New York Communities for Change, the New York Immigration Coalition, and Voters for Animal Rights.

On November 3, voters in New York and across the nation sent a message opposing Donald Trump, Big Tech, and the fossil fuel industry. We urge you to prioritize our needs over their greed. Please oppose passage of this dangerous and costly bill in the waning weeks of 2026's lame duck session of Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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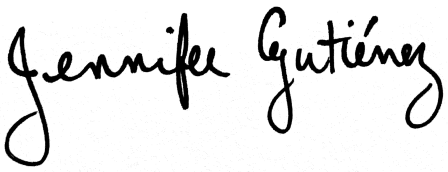

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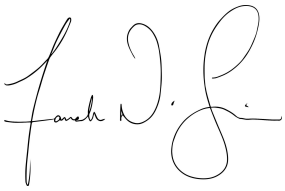

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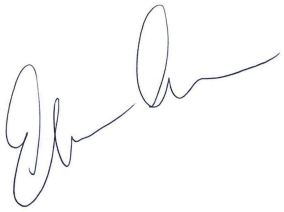

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