

ASSEMBLY REPUBLICAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

A New Approach to Energy and
Environmental Policy in New York
State

Energy and Climate Agenda

Addressing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)

Cost-Benefit Analysis - Pass legislation directing the Public Service Commission (PSC) to commission a full and complete cost-benefit analysis of renewable-energy goals based on CLCPA mandates

"Green Guarantee" - Consider legislation to ensure New Yorkers are covered for the full cost of implementing CLCPA mandates, including the implementation of a Statewide Electrification Tax Credit for the potential cost of converting to all-electric homes

Mandate Referendum - Widespread mandates such as banning natural gas should be subjected to a vote of the public

Ensure Electric Vehicle (EV) Safety and Fairness

The "EV Fire Safety Campaign" - Study the environmental impact and safety issues related to lithium-ion fires, institute a public media campaign to educate on potential fire concerns, install fire suppression systems and put in place buffer areas at EV charging stations, and work to protect first responders who are called to put out lithium-ion fires

Protect Our Kids - Halt the mandated replacement of school bus fleets with electric buses and require a complete safety and feasibility study to ensure children are protected from the dangers and limitations of lithium-ion batteries

EV Market Fairness - Ensure the State does not mandate zero-emission vehicle purchases, curtail rebates and financial incentives for EV purchases, and require truth-in-advertising and safety warning notifications with every EV purchase

Across-the-Board Energy Production

Nuclear Now - Require nuclear power to be included and expanded in order to meet future energy needs

Natural Gas - Reverse the ban on gas pipelines, and protect natural gas use in new and existing homes to ensure grid reliability and human safety (especially in winter months)

Renewable and Alternative Energy Resources - Utilize solar, wind, hydroelectric, hydrogen, and other forms of renewable energy to ensure grid reliability to meet current and future needs. Study the durability of existing pipelines to transport alternative fuels

Protect Our Land

Ban Deforestation - Complete ban on deforestation of public lands when siting wind and solar power generation

Environmental Impact - Form a task force to study the adverse effects of wind and solar siting in Upstate New York

Local Control - Restore home-rule rights for renewable energy projects, and ensure rural and community control over future climate actions by the State

Health, Safety, Environment, and Human Rights

Protect Human Rights - Ban purchases of green energy components and require pension divestiture from nations and industries utilizing child/slave labor

Environmental Protections - Remove State Environmental Quality Review exemptions for major renewable energy projects and require disposal plans for removal of potentially toxic renewable energy components

Additional Protections - Address liability issues, require emergency preparedness plans, and strategies to educate the public on potential hazards and dangers of renewables such as large-scale battery storage