



MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION

SANE ENERGY PROJECT OPPOSES THE ACT AMENDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW, IN RELATION TO THE STATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

(S6030 PARKER 2023)

Senator Parker's proposed Senate Bill S6030 to amend the environmental conservation and public service laws would undermine a core element of the State's landmark climate act, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), reverse our climate leadership, and harm New Yorkers.

S6030 will drastically reduce the state's ability to drive emissions reductions and cut co-pollutants that impact the daily lives and public health of New Yorkers throughout the state, especially in Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) that should be prioritized for health and healing.

Senator Parker's proposed bill will reverse the years of achievements that hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers have worked consistently and diligently over the past decades to ensure that we have a survivable planet, and begin healing from the century of human-created fossil fuel emissions that have destroyed ecosystems and economies globally. This bill proposal is a direct collusion with the fossil fuel industry, and we demand more from our elected leadership in New York State than to pander to an extractive business model like the fossil fuel industry.

Sane Energy Project strongly opposes S6030. No amendments to weaken the CLCPA or expand use of alternative fuels should be considered by the state legislature.

As state leaders, you must protect the 20-year accounting standard in the CLCPA, which requires that the amount of methane, a fossil fuel, be counted in New York State's total emissions based on the scientific evidence that methane does the most climate damage in the first 20 years after it is emitted. A weaker 100-year calculation would—on paper only—make methane emissions appear less damaging than they actually are, which would reduce the state's response to requiring reductions and mitigations and decrease the amount of revenue collected under a pollution pricing system.

NYS Climate Action Council member and Cornell researcher and professor [Bob Howarth warned against](#) using the 100-year timeframe and explained why the 20-year timeframe was included in the CLCPA, "Classically, what governments have done is to compare carbon dioxide and methane at a 100-year time period," he said. "By that time, the methane is gone. But that underplays the [shorter-term] importance of methane by 7- or 8- or 9-fold."

It is a disgrace that we need to send memos to our New York State government to stop behaving like climate deniers.

Sane Energy Project is a grassroots organization representing nearly 25,000 New Yorkers who have worked on several winning campaigns to end fossil fuel expansion in our state. Our mission is to replace fracked gas infrastructure with 100% democratically controlled, renewable energy in New York State to ensure racial, social, and economic justice.