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Sane Energy Statement on SCOTUS ruling in EPA v. West Virginia

Brooklyn, New York - Today, the Supreme Court ruled to severely constrain the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority to limit power plant emissions. The Court's decision will cripple some of the most important provisions of the Clean Air Act and could permanently hamper the EPA's capacity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The case was brought by nineteen Republican attorneys general in partnership with two coal companies.

Sane Energy Project released the following statement:

"This decision, coupled with the Court's recent rulings to overturn Roe and to strike down a New York State law that placed severe restrictions on carrying firearms in public makes it clear that we cannot rely on the federal government to protect our basic freedoms, our safety, or our planet.

In response to the far-right's decades of organizing to consolidate power and delay urgent action on the climate crisis, it's more important than ever for New York State to lead a just and rapid transition off of fossil fuels to a renewable energy future.

New York State must enforce the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and deny permits for all fossil fuel projects, including National Grid's LNG vaporizers and the Greenidge power plant.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie must call for a special legislative session on climate now—the legislature's dismal failure to pass crucial climate policy three years in a row must come to an end this summer.

The Supreme Court's most recent attacks on our rights to personal and planetary safety are devastating. We invite our fellow New Yorkers to join us in building power in communities across the state to take on the fossil fuel industry."