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**Governor Hochul and Speaker Carl Heastie Endanger Residents and Ignore Climate Science with a 2022 Budget that Feeds the Fossil Fuel Industry and their Corporate Utility Partners**

*All eyes now on legislature to pass climate justice legislation by Earth Day*

The New York State budget released today failed to include two key pieces of popular climate justice policy - the Build Public Renewables Act and the All-Electric Building Act - that are necessary to meet our states legally mandated climate goals and for a just transition for frontline communities and workers.

**Sane Energy Project works directly with communities harmed by fossil fuel projects and supports including both pieces of legislation in the 2022 budget, along with the [Renewable Heat Now bills](#) and released the following statement:**

“It is clear that this administration does not understand the urgency of the climate crisis or addressing environmental racism.” **said Kim Fraczek, Director of Sane Energy Project.** “It is unconscionable that in 2022, corporate utilities partnered with the fossil fuel industry continue to request billions of dollars from New Yorker ratepayers while New York leadership disregards critical climate measures in the budget that would support the transition off of fracked gas and to community-owned renewables. With a worsening climate crisis and spiraling utility debt, we need real solutions and we need them now. In 2022 climate delay is simply climate denialism. Assemblymember Heastie indicated he didn’t want legislation in the budget, so now we will be closely watching for how quickly he moves the Build Public Renewables Act, the climate bill with the most cosponsors, and the All-Electric Building Act, which was included in the Senate budget, through the Assembly.”