

STATEMENT : APRIL 2019

NEW YORK BUSINESS LEADER STATEMENT

**IN SUPPORT OF IN-STATE
CLEAN ENERGY PRODUCTION**



BUSINESSFORWARD
FOUNDATION

NY BUSINESS LEADERS TO ALBANY AND THEIR NEXT GOVERNOR:

LET'S STOP IMPORTING \$50 BILLION IN OIL, GAS, AND COAL EACH YEAR

Business Forward has organized hundreds of briefings across the country on clean energy, climate change, and energy security. These briefings have included two Secretaries of Energy, two EPA Administrators, dozens of U.S. Senators and Congressmen, and hundreds of other officials.

Over the past several months, **we have asked business leaders in New York to sign the following letter** in support of efforts to produce more clean energy in state. **Over 1,500 business leaders, representing 58 of New York's 64 counties, responded.** More than 6 out of 10 reside outside New York City. Onondaga County and the Hudson River Valley are especially well represented. Counties with a higher percentage of signatories than the state population include: Orleans, Genesee, Monroe, Franklin, Clinton, Warren, Saratoga, Otsego, Delaware, Ulster, Rensselaer, Columbia, and Putnam.



TO THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE:

1. Keep Our Money Here.

New York spends \$50 billion each year importing coal, gas and oil. That \$50 billion pays for jobs, schools and road repairs in places like Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas. By switching to solar and wind, we can keep more of that spending here, creating jobs and fixing infrastructure across New York.

2. Everyone Benefits.

No matter where in the state we produce this power, all New Yorkers will benefit. Taxes paid by wind turbine operators in Oswego will help fund roads in New Rochelle. Grid upgrades in Syracuse will help reduce rates in Utica.

3. Jobs Where We Need Them, Environmental Justice.

Clean energy economies favor many counties that deserve a break. Mill towns and farm-land upstate enjoy some of the region's steadiest and strongest winds, and new financing models for solar create business opportunities in urban areas. A New York energy boom could create jobs where we need them most.

4. If Not Clean Energy, What?

Few industries are as big, as local or as jobs-intensive as energy. Let's bring some of that \$50 billion back.

INSIGHT:

This transformative clean energy program can be accomplished at little to no cost to consumers. This is because the average cost of delivering a given supply of electricity from clean renewable sources will be roughly equal to, if not cheaper than, virtually all fossil-fuel based technologies.

Source: Clean Energy Investments for New York State, R. Pollin, H. Garrett-Peltier, J. Wicks-Lin, University of Massachusetts, November 2017

FACT:

**ONLY 3 PERCENT
OF THE ENERGY
NEW YORK
PRODUCES IS
RENEWABLE**

FACT:

**EXTREME WEATHER
COSTS NEW YORK
\$10+ BILLION/YEAR**

**DUE TO COASTAL FLOODING,
AGRICULTURAL DISRUPTION,
AND HIGHER ELECTRICITY
COSTS (HEAT WAVES).**

**BURNING OIL, COAL, AND
GAS CAUSES ANOTHER \$33
BILLION IN PUBLIC HEALTH
COSTS EACH YEAR.**

FACT:

**NEW YORK COULD
CREATE 145,000 TO
160,000 NEW JOBS
PER YEAR**

**IF INVESTMENTS ARE
MADE TO ACHIEVE A
50 PERCENT EMISSIONS
REDUCTION BY 2030.**

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