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**Memorandum of Support for**

**THE CLIMATE AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT**

Interfaith Impact of NYS is a statewide organization of people of faith, clergy and congregations from the Unitarian Universalist, Reform Jewish, Protestant, and other traditions.

As members of a religious organization that values the health and welfare of our fellow human beings, as well as the health of the environment, which sustains us all physically and spiritually, the members of Interfaith Impact of New York State call on the NY Legislature to recognize the urgent need for clean energy as soon as possible. We recognize that New York has come a long way in protecting our environment, but we need to move faster.

The Assembly passed the Climate and Community Protection Act (A.8270) in April 2018. It is now up to the NY Senate to bring the CCPA (S7971A) to the floor for a vote.

The people of New York deserve this bill now. Among other things, it will regulate carbon emissions, enable greener transportation, and protect vulnerable communities which are disproportionately affected by climate change. This bill also supports the State energy plan and has wide support throughout New York

We believe it is urgent to further address and mitigate the impacts of climate change in New York. The CCPA will help put New York on track to do just that through a combination of measures to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions and improve the resiliency of the state. It will shape the ongoing transition in the State's energy sector to ensure that it creates good jobs and protects workers and communities by prioritizing the safety and health of disadvantaged communities. It will help ensure a vibrant, healthful future for all New Yorkers and pave the way for a green-energy economy.

We urge the Senate to act now and pass the Climate and Community Protection Act in the current session.

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