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Memorandum of Support for the New York State Climate and Community Protection Act

As faithful stewards of the environment, the members of Interfaith Impact of NYS call on the Senate to pass the New York State Climate and Community Protection Act, S08005 (2016 bill number). The bill was passed by the Assembly. We will support this bill again when it is introduced in 2017.

Given the growing threat of global anthropogenic climate change and the impacts that current energy systems have in contributing to this issue, the state must take a stand in stopping our contribution to the pending disaster. We also note that the change to all-electric energy has enormous economic development potential that can be rapidly realized.

In supporting these policies IINYS relies on the Jewish and Christian biblical tradition of stewardship for the earth. The Unitarian Universalist tradition avows in its seventh principle the “interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” It is essential that the state and the nation take a value-intensive, long-range view of global climate change and humanity’s role in it, instead of an impulsive money-driven policy. We believe New York can lead the United States in this effort.

The earth is not a mine to be exploited, but a garden to be tended.

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