



RENEWABLE CAPITOL ACT

S2689 (Breslin) / A5633 (Fahy)

It's the law! New York must cut greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030 and 85% by 2050. However, as the climate crisis worsens, destroying communities and lives, not even close to enough has been done to meet the 2030 deadline which is just seven years away.

New York's environmental justice policy states that: *"No group of people, including a racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations."* However, the Governor and state legislators go to work every day in a building heated by the Sheridan Avenue Steam Plant (SASP) that has, for over 100 years polluted the environmental justice communities of Sheridan Hollow, and Arbor Hill just blocks away.

The Renewable Capitol Act requires that the Capitol, Empire State Plaza and other state buildings be run on 100% renewables within three years. Passage will:

- Eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from heating, cooling and providing electricity to state buildings in Albany and help New York meet its climate goals,
- Allow the Sheridan Avenue Steam Plant to be shut down, reducing toxic air emissions in Sheridan Hollow, Arbor Hill and other communities,
- Serve as a demonstration project for state agencies and private companies to show how renewable energy can meet our energy needs, and
- Showcase New York as a model for the nation and the world as to how to combat the climate crisis and build a sustainable energy future.

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