

STATEMENT : APRIL 2019

LONG ISLAND BUSINESS LEADER STATEMENT

IN SUPPORT OF IN-STATE
CLEAN ENERGY PRODUCTION



BUSINESSFORWARD
FOUNDATION

**LONG ISLAND 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. 145 of those leaders are from Long Island.



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.**

SIGNATORIES

Anne Marie Ansel, Port Washington
Annemarie van Hemmen, New Suffolk
Annette Rostad, Bayville
Barry Reiss, Commack
Bernadette Stull, Greenlawn
Bernadine Fawcett, Patchogue
Beth Jane Freeman, Wantagh
Betsy Cox, Bay Shore
Brenda Reiss, Commack
Brenda Rooney, Mastic Beach
Carl Schulz, Baldwin
Carlo Gervasi, Patchogue
Carlos Chung, Elmont
Carol Edwards, Baldwin
Charles Barthole, Valley Stream
Chett Rubenstein, Bay Shore
Claude Fequiere, Valley Stream
Conrad Brown, Freeport
Cynthia Berglund, Montauk
Dan Sabia, Wantagh
Daniel Temple, Long Beach
Daniela Barone, Baldwin
Dave Bedell, Rockville Centre
David Badanes, Northport
David Rutter, Woodmere
Deborah Bol, Mastic
Denis Hussey, Bay Shore
Donet Rowe, Valley Stream
Donna Zingarelli, East Hampton
Elizabeth Gioielli, Hempstead
Elsie Zeese, Huntington Station
Gail Elis, East Meadow
Gail Zwerman, Huntington
George Sidoti, East Northport
Glen Ullo, East Meadow
Ivelisse Flores, Coram
Jack Confer, Northport
Jackie Stallworth, Amityville
James Burdge, Syosset
James Dooley, Selden

“ [We need] incentives for clean energy businesses and homeowners. We need more sustainable energy not less. It is just the most cost effective, efficient and globally responsible thing to do. ”

- BERNADETTE STULL
GREENLAWN, SUFFOLK COUNTY

“ By investing in clean energy alternatives. Good for the planet, good for the economy. ”

- DAVID BADANES
NORTHPORT, NASSAU COUNTY

“ [New York can increase investment and bring clean energy jobs to the state by developing] commitments to purchase power from these sources from municipalities, schools, and hospitals. ”

- LARISSA POTAPCHUK
SOUTHAMPTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY

“ Use the energy of the oceans for wind and hydro power like many of the Scandinavian countries. ”

- LISA NATHANSON
LONG BEACH, NASSAU COUNTY

“ New York should invest in offshore wind mills. ”

- CARLOS CHUNG
ELMONT, NASSAU COUNTY

SIGNATORIES

Jamie Spritzer, Roslyn Heights
Jane Fritz, West Islip
Jason Jessup, Huntington Station
Jerome Vivona, Westbury
Jo Go, Westbury
Joanne Gennaro, Wading River
John Vogt, Franklin Square
John Wulff, Elmont
Joseph Jewell, Massapequa
Joseph Neretich, Huntington
Karin Abrahamsonryon, East Setauket
Kathleen Borbet, Nesconset
Kathleen Clark, Long Beach
Kathy White, Elmont
Kerry Bush, Rockville Centre
Kevin Clifford, Massapequa Park
Kevin McCurdy, Central Islip
Kristine Denapoli, Bay Shore
Lelis Penas, Hewlett
Lena Tabori, East Hampton
Lilly Knuth, Garden City
Linda White, Long Beach
Marcelo Dasilva, East Meadow
Marna Schoenwald, Huntington
Marty Ippolito, Melville
Mary Grace & Gerard Brown, Mount Sinai
Mary Healy, Melville
Michael Todd, Hicksville
Michael-John Erhardt, Coram
Michaela Cajvan, Hampton Bays
Michele Stroschein, East Setauket
Mindye Fortgang, Merrick
Mitchell Savader, Great Neck
Myra Devito, Port Jefferson Station
Nancy Moloff, Kings Park
Patricia Brunner-Miller, Ridge
Peter Suchmann, Oceanside
Philip Chin, Wyandanch
Piotr Sroka, Miller Place
Rachel Beatty, Mineola

“ [New York should] support businesses focused on clean energy and provide free vocational training for developing employees for those jobs. Make sure those jobs are union jobs and pay a middle-class wage. ”

- PATRICIA MCDERMOTT
BAY SHORE, SUFFOLK COUNTY

“ Install solar panels on the LIRR platforms. The awnings are perfectly situated for solar, facing South! ”

- CHRISTINE MAYGLOTHLING
MASSAPEQUA, NASSAU COUNTY

“ Support any business that wants to bring clean energy to NY. Give small loans if needed, and lots of publicity. ”

- ELAINE PETERS
HICKSVILLE, NASSAU COUNTY

“ Create programs to provide solar panels at no or low cost. I got my system by a company who uses my roof and I pay them for the energy produced. It was the only way I could afford to have the solar power. I paid nothing. NY can afford to do this for their residents. ”

- MARY ANN LENTO
MEDFORD, SUFFOLK COUNTY

SIGNATORIES

Richard Costa, Rocky Point
Ron Breuer, Cutchogue
Ron Cardi, Saint James
Ronald Baldon, Roosevelt
Rosa Blanco, Central Islip
Sarwar Ahmed, Valley Stream
Sondra Siering, Medford
Sonja Sanchez, Franklin Square
Susan Spinato, Bethpage
Terrie Davis, East Hampton
Trish Ketelsen, Franklin Square

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**Use all kinds of
clean energy,
including fuel cells.** ”

- JAMES DOOLEY
SELDEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY

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**Climate change is one of the reasons
customers turn to us, since we design
and install solar energy systems on
Long Island. We are doing our part
to reduce the carbon footprint here,
and wish world leaders would do more
legislatively to make solar energy
more popular, and support the extension
of the federal investment tax credit
to keep solar energy affordable for
homeowners and business owners.**

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- DAN SABIA
WANTAGH, NASSAU COUNTY

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**We need to have incentives and
credits for green energy projects like
solar panels in houses, LED lighting,
wind turbines, thermal energy,
and other eco-friendly features.** ”

- BETH JANE FREEMAN
WANTAGH, NASSAU COUNTY

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**Wind farms and tide
generators are great ways
to create jobs and start
to save the Earth!** ”

- KEVIN MCCURDY
CENTRAL ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY

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