



SUPPORT

A.6954/S.5422 (Englebright/Boyle)

Biofuel Home Heating Oil in Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 6954/S.5422 (Englebright/Boyle), which would increase biofuel usage requirements in Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties and in turn decrease harmful emissions.

Burning heating oil releases emissions that contain fine particulate matter and airborne black carbon. These emissions are damaging to public health, causing asthma and other respiratory diseases, including throat and lung irritation, coughing, and shortness of breath. These emissions are associated with increased mortality in the long-term, increasing incidence of lung cancer and heart disease. In a home, these pollutants can cause a three-fold increase in the risk of childhood asthma.

Biofuels are derived from organic matter, which can be circularly regrown and remain indefinitely. Heating oil can be mixed with biofuel to burn more efficiently and significantly reduce emission of pollutants. This helps maintain clean air and soil for future generations of New Yorkers.

A. 6954/S.5422 would increase the amount of biofuel utilized in New York State heating oil by phasing in blending requirements for heating oil sold in Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester. This will improve both public and environmental health by decreasing harmful emissions.

For these reasons the New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) urges passage of this legislation.

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