



# OPPOSES

## A. 9053-A (Jenne)

*AN ACT to restrict the location of certain wind electric generation facilities around Fort Drum*

The New York League of Conservation Voters opposes A. 9053-A (Jenne), which would prohibit State funding for any wind energy projects located within six designated areas around Fort Drum.

New York is a national leader in combating climate change and has set an ambitious goal of generating 50% of its electric power from renewable energy by 2030. Wind energy projects are a necessary component of meeting this goal. A. 9053-A would effectively ban new wind projects near Fort Drum by prohibiting State incentives or other funds from going to these projects. Fort Drum is an important base for the U.S. Army and is rightfully considered a source of pride for New Yorkers, especially those who represent the area. However, this bill is based on unfounded worries that wind energy projects could interfere with the operations of the base.

The Department of Defense maintains a Siting Clearinghouse to ensure that energy projects proposed near military installations do not interfere with the operations of the base. To date the Department has not objected to any proposed renewable energy projects near Fort Drum. Furthermore, the State's Article 10 siting procedure for large-scale energy generation provides an intensive process for reviewing the siting of new projects. Taken together, DoD's existing procedures and Article 10 make it nearly unthinkable that a wind project that could harm the base's operations would be sited.

For these reasons, NYLCV is opposed to A. 9053-A(Jenne) and urges the legislature to reject it.

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