



SUPPORT

A. 5262-A/S. 4003-A (Woerner/Parker)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing the "low carbon fuel standard of 2019."

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 5262/S. 4003 (Woerner/Parker), which would create a low-carbon fuel standard to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector 20% by 2030.

Transportation is New York's largest source of GHG emissions and particulate matter pollution, contributing to both climate change and public health problems like asthma - and these harms are disproportionately borne by New Yorkers of color. A low-carbon fuel standard (LCFS) would require transportation fuel providers in New York to invest in low-carbon intensity fuels such that total GHG transportation emissions decline by at least 20% by 2030.

With a LCFS, high-carbon intensity fuel providers like diesel and gasoline wholesalers must purchase credits from low-carbon intensity fuel providers like electric vehicle chargers (including those owned by bus fleet operators like the MTA) and renewable biofuel producers. Producers of dirty fossil fuels pay for an immediate switch to low-carbon renewable fuels and the longer term switch to electrification required by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

The LCFS model has been successful in California, was recently implemented in Oregon, and is moving forward in Washington State. Embracing it would mean lower transportation emissions, significant public health benefits, new jobs and investment in state, and clear benefits for farms, municipal governments, and public transit authorities.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 5262/S. 4003.

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