



SUPPORT

A. 964-A/S. 1292 (Woerner/Parker)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing the "clean fuel standard of 2024."

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 964-A/S. 1292 (Woerner/Parker), which would create a clean fuel standard to reduce carbon intensity of on-road transportation fuels by at least 30% by 2032 and 100% by 2050.

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 clean fuel standard (CFS) would require transportation fuel providers in New York to invest in low-carbon intensity fuels such that the total carbon intensity of transportation fuels declines by at least 30% by 2032 and 100% by 2050. This legislation would also direct 40% of credit revenue for electrification to be reinvested into disadvantaged communities as designated in the CLCPA Scoping Plan.

With a CFS, 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 lower-carbon renewable fuels and a buildout of the electric vehicle charging network, and the longer term switch to 100% zero-emission vehicles required by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

The CFS model has been successful in California, Oregon and Washington State. It is one of the primary reasons why CA has ten times more electric vehicles on the road than New York, and is the reason why in 2023 60% of all diesel fuel used in CA was biodiesel. Embracing a CFS would mean lower transportation emissions, significant public health benefits, new jobs and investment in New York State, and clear benefits for municipal governments, public transit authorities, farms, and owners of electric vehicles. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 964-A/S. 1292.

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