



# SUPPORT

## **A. 920-A/S. 562-A (Gallagher/Kavanagh)**

*AN ACT to amend the energy law, in relation to enacting the "all-electric building act"*

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 920-A/S. 562-A (Gallagher/Kavanagh), which would enact the All-Electric Building Act; amending the state energy conservation construction code to prohibit infrastructure, building systems, or equipment used for the combustion of fossil fuels in new construction statewide. These amendments would take effect on December 31, 2023 if the building is less than six stories and July 1, 2027 for all other buildings.

Buildings are one of the leading sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and co-pollutants in New York State, meaning that building decarbonization must play a major role as we move to meet the emission reduction goals set under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). This bill will help the state reach these goals by amending the energy law to prohibit the installation of systems that can be used for the combustion of fossil fuels in new construction. It is projected that if this legislation is enacted New York State will save 4 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, making our state more efficient and healthier for all New Yorkers.

The All-Electric Building Act will help New York move to a cleaner and healthier future while providing necessary exemptions for certain systems including emergency back-up power and for buildings designated as commercial food establishments, laboratories, laundromats, hospitals, and crematoriums. While there is a long road to fully decarbonizing buildings pursuant to the CLCPA, this legislation is an enormous step in the right direction.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of the All-Electric Building Act, A. 920-A/S. 562-A (Gallagher/Kavanagh).

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