



# SUPPORT

## A. 5262 /S. 4003 (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, which heavily contribute to climate change and public health problems such as asthma. The largest source of transportation emissions is trucks, which use petroleum based fuels. This legislation would require transportation fuel providers in New York to provide low-carbon intensity fuels such that total GHG transportation emissions decline by at least 20% by 2030. The standard could be met through market-based methods and would at least in part be based on California's successful low-carbon fuel standard program.

One fuel likely to benefit from a low-carbon fuel standard is renewable natural gas (RNG), also known as biomethane. RNG is generated through anaerobic digesters that process food waste, farm waste, and wastewater, capturing methane before it can be released into the atmosphere as a GHG. Incentivizing the sale and use of RNG would benefit farms, municipal and county governments, and waste companies that have invested or are considering investing in anaerobic digesters while also bringing down prices for businesses and local governments that are interested in sending their food waste to digesters instead of landfills. RNG is a negative GHG fuel source and an important tool in meeting New York's climate change goals.

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

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