



SUPPORT

S. 6327/A. 7407 (Kavanagh/Barrett)

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing new targets for offshore wind electricity generation

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 6327/A. 7407 (Kavanagh/Barrett), which would increase the State's offshore wind electricity generation target for 2035 established by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and establish new ambitious targets for 2040, 2045, and 2050.

NYLCV has proudly supported the state's ambitious clean energy goals of achieving 70% clean energy by 2030 and 100% clean energy by 2040. A critical element of this bold clean energy goal is the development of offshore wind off the coast of New York State. The offshore wind industry is poised for rapid expansion, built with union labor including construction under project labor agreements and operated and maintained under labor peace agreements. New York State is becoming a national leader as we transition to sustainable renewable energy. This legislation would set in statute an increase from the current goal of 9 gigawatts (GW) of offshore energy by 2035 to 9.9 GW and establish three additional targets: 15.8 GW by 2040, 18 GW by 2045, and 20 GW by 2050.

Increasing this goal advances New York as a national model and as a hub for the offshore wind industry on the east coast. New York will be in a unique position of supporting the supply chain of offshore wind, creating thousands of good union labor jobs and millions of dollars in economic benefits. This effort will lead our state in the direction of a decarbonized grid, while growing the middle class and making New York a more sustainable and healthier place to live.

S. 6327/A. 7407 would establish ambitious yet realistic targets for increasing the offshore wind industry in New York. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 6327/A. 7407.

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