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I am writing to urge you to push hard for the passage of four critical pieces of climate legislation in the last weeks of this session: The NY HEAT Act, The Climate Change Superfund Act, The Just Energy Transition Act, and the Climate Liability Act (A4056/S212A).

New York's 2019 Climate Protection Act established some critical climate goals for New Yorkers so that we can realize our constitutional right to "clean air and water, and a healthful environment."

The newest piece of legislation would create legal liability for corporations that have caused dangers to health and safety by certain fossil fuel-related activity. Taken together, these laws would enable us to plan effectively for the phase-out of fossil fuels in our state and claw back some of the oil and gas industry's recent windfall profits in order to fund the transition.

But as is the case with the NY Heat Act, the fate of the Climate Change Superfund bill now hangs with you, in the Assembly. The Environmental Conservation Committee passed it on May 14, but it hasn't yet made it to the floor for a vote. Please put the pressure on Assembly Speaker Heastie.