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Members of the New York State Congressional Delegation:

We, the undersigned, write to express our strong opposition to S.J.RES. 23 and S.J.RES. 24, which together nullify the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan and prevent the agency from proposing any future standards relating to power plant carbon pollution until Congress expressly directs it to.

Since these resolutions are an extreme response to EPA's rules, we respectfully request you oppose and vote "No" on these resolutions.

The resolutions from Senator McConnell (R-KY) and Senator Capito (R-WV) are advanced under the Congressional Review Act, and they would put an end to EPA's efforts to reduce carbon dioxide pollution from power plants, an integral part of our nation's response to the threats from climate change.

The impacts of climate change are already affecting New York's economic security, safety, and public health, subjecting communities to life-threatening pollution and the devastating impacts of extreme weather events. In response, our state has become a national leader when it comes to implementing strong climate policies. Governor Cuomo has committed New York to some of the most aggressive climate and clean energy goals in the country, setting the state on a path toward a fossil fuel free economy by the year 2050.

New York, through its participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), is already acting to cut carbon pollution from the power sector at a rate that will exceed the reductions called for in the Clean Power Plan a full ten years ahead of the deadline. RGGI is being held up as a model on how to set limits on climate pollution while spurring economic growth.

Now that the EPA rule has been finalized, it is time for other states to meet the same standards that we have in New York.

We urge you to join us in opposition to these harmful joint resolutions by casting your votes against S.J.RES. 23 and S.J.RES. 24, and working with your colleagues and the EPA to advance policies to address climate change.

Sincerely,

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