



## New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials

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Basil Seggos  
Commissioner  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Commissioner Seggos:

On behalf of the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), I'm writing to express support for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. With this proposal, DEC, in partnership with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), will implement programs that will not only address greenhouse gas emissions in the near- and long-term, but will also provide substantial co-benefits such as air quality improvements and health benefits, with a particular focus on public services and disadvantaged communities.

NYCOM is the association of, and for, cities and villages in New York State, providing legal and technical assistance, training opportunities and legislative advocacy on their behalf. We support this application as it will provide funding to help with initiatives such as the retrofitting of municipal buildings, green infrastructure and the investment in community-scale organic waste management solutions that can help decrease what is currently going to landfills.

We appreciate your consideration of NYCOM's support and look forward to seeing these initiatives implemented in New York State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barbara Van Epps'.

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Executive Director