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## **ON DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL MEETING, NYPIRG CALLS FOR CREATION OF PUBLIC DASHBOARD TO MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD NEW YORK'S CLIMATE GOALS**

(Albany, N.Y.) Today, as New York's Climate Action Council is set to meet, NYPIRG released its [2021 Climate Scorecard](#) ("the Scorecard") to the Climate Action Council calling for the establishment of a public dashboard to evaluate the state's progress toward meeting its climate goals. New York has set into law ambitious climate goals required by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). This Act established goals to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040. Unfortunately, New York State has, in the past, had a poor record of meeting climate and energy goals.

The Scorecard states that releasing annual progress "report cards" to engage the public and assess whether the state is hitting the metrics set in the law will bolster support for the tough policy choices that will be required. NYPIRG recommends in the Scorecard and the letter to the Council that this crucial accountability measure is adopted by New York's Climate Action Council, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA).

However, New York State has not publicly unveiled such an accountability measure. Thus, NYPIRG has provided to the public a scorecard to document where New York stands in respect to its critical climate goals.

NYPIRG's 2021 Climate Scorecard found that *for every requirement established in the CLCPA, New York will have to move aggressively to meet its goals* - this means adopting policies that move New York off its reliance on fossil fuels, expand renewables, expand access to public transit and electric vehicles, and increase energy efficiency.

Liz Moran, Environmental Policy Director for NYPIRG, said, "Unfortunately, New York is still far from meeting many of its climate goals. To motivate New York to adopt the strong policies needed to meet the state's essential climate goals, a scorecard for the public must be made readily available by New York State. The Climate Action Council is currently in the process of creating a Climate Action Plan to recommend actions the state can take – this is a crucial time for the public to be given information about where the state stands in respect to its climate goals."

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