



Dear Neighbors,

This week, I was proud to sponsor a resolution commemorating the inaugural [Lake Friendly Living Awareness Week](#), May 2-8, 2021. I hope you will join me to celebrate the incredible beauty of our lakes and reaffirm our commitment to act as stewards to protect the health of our lakes and our watershed.



The Assembly marked Earth Day on April 22, 2021 by passing a package of legislation designed to safeguard the environment and protect public health. In 2019, the Legislature passed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which set goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase our use of renewable energy. This year's state budget also makes critical investments in environmental conservation with the "Restore Mother Nature" environmental bond act, which will be on the ballot for New York voters in 2022, as well as protecting farmlands and funding for clean water infrastructure and the state Environmental Protection Fund.

In honor of Earth Day this year, we build on that work with legislation that sets zero-emissions goals for the transportation industry, including that all in-state sales of cars and trucks be zero-emissions by 2035 ([A4302](#)). This will help us meet the rigorous greenhouse gas emission reduction goals set in the CLCPA.

We're working to increase electric vehicle accessibility for more New Yorkers by creating a more flexible billing system for charging stations ([A3876](#)).

To help cut down on plastic waste that fills our landfills and pollutes our environment, the Assembly passed legislation to ban hotels from providing small hospitality bottles for personal care products ([A5082](#)). Multiple major hotel chains have already begun implementing these eco-friendly changes, and this legislation will help ensure others follow suit.

Finally, we passed legislation that decreases the use of products on our roadways that contain chemicals harmful to our families, wildlife and the environment ([A903](#)).



I am so proud of the work the Assembly has done so far this session to protect our environment and preserve our natural resources for generations to come.

**In case you missed it!**

I am thrilled to introduce a new bill, The Teachers' Fossil Fuel Divestment Act ([A06331](#)). Divesting another state pension plan not only makes environmental sense, but it also makes economic sense. Teachers provide critical inspiration to our youth, preparing the generation that will bear the burden of addressing the climate crisis we're facing, the result of our cumulative actions to date. This legislation, when enacted, will protect the pension fund for our teachers and help protect the planet for the next generation.

**NEW BILL!**

## **The Teachers' Fossil Fuel Divestment Act**



### **Assembly Bill A06331**

**Establishes the teachers' fossil fuel divestment act; requires the New York state teachers' retirement system to divest the retirement system of any stocks, securities, equities, assets, or other obligations of corporations or companies included on an exclusion list of coal producers and oil and gas producers.**



In good health,

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