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Dear President Barton:

As you know, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) is nation-leading climate legislation not just because of its aggressive carbon emission reduction goals, but also because of its emphasis on justice. An early test of how seriously New York will meet the pollution reduction goal and the clean energy funding equity intent of the CLCPA will be how the new RGGI spending plan provides a pivotal opportunity for you to apply the intent of the CLCPA, specifically the mandate that at least 35% of the funds be used on programs designed to benefit disadvantaged communities. We look forward to seeing a spending plan that considers investments of RGGI proceeds that prioritize these frontline communities through environmental justice projects that directly benefit these communities. Proceeds should not be used for state budget relief or other unintended purposes. An equity analysis should also accompany RGGI and other climate investments regarding the specific needs of these communities.

I look forward to continue to monitor this spending process.

Regards,
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