June 11, 2018

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor, State of New York  
Executive Chamber, State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

As the Office of General Services (OGS) and the Power Authority move forward with plans to modernize the energy system that powers the State Capitol and the entire Empire State Plaza, we write to ask that you urge them to create a system that is powered by renewable energy and not fossil fuels.

The Sheridan Avenue energy plant is located just a block from the Capitol. Residents from the surrounding community have endured air pollutants from this plant for decades. About twenty-five years ago, Governor Cuomo directed the shutdown of the part of the facility that burned garbage. It is time that we finish the job and end the health threat the plant poses.

In short, we believe the Sheridan Hollow residents—and all New Yorkers—are owed an energy system powering the Capitol that is a shining example of 100% renewable energy. The project should set the example for others to follow.

The SFY 2018-19 budget provides authority and funding for the Office of General Services to design and build an energy system that is powered by renewable technologies. The opportunity for New York to set an example for others states to follow is now within our grasp.

We stand with residents of the Sheridan Hollow and we stand ready to work with your team to ensure that the new plant is a renewable energy showcase befitting the Empire State.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Barron at (518) 455-2225.

Sincerely,

Neil D. Breslin  
44th Senate District
Sincerely,

Toby Ann Stavisky
16th Senate District

Sincerely,

Leroy Comrie
14th Senate District

Sincerely,

David Carlucci
38th Senate District

Sincerely,

Jesse E. Hamilton
20th Senate District

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.
15th Senate District

Sincerely,

Jamaal T. Bailey
36th Senate District

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kennedy
63rd Senate District

Sincerely,

Brad Hoylman
27th Senate District

Sincerely,

Brian Kavanagh
26th Senate District

Sincerely,

Liz Krueger
28th Senate District

Sincerely.

James Sanders Jr.
10th Senate District

Sincerely,

Shelley Mayer
37th Senate District