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Energy Efficiency for Large Buildings Cuts Climate Pollution; Cleans the Air; and Creates Good Jobs

Climate change and inequality are the twin moral and existential crisis of our time. The UN's scientists just warned the world that without radical and immediate cuts to climate pollution cities like New York will not survive. Inequality, including a lack of good jobs for communities of color, is increasing. Intro 1253 addresses both!

With Trump destroying federal action, New York City must step up. Energy use by buildings generates 70% of NYC's massive climate pollution. Large buildings over 25,000 square feet, while only 2% of properties (5% of buildings), are HALF this pollution (or about 30% of the city's pollution). **Councilmember Constantinides, with Speaker Johnson's support, has introduced Intro 1253, legislation which rises to the challenge.** Intro 1253 would be the world's best standard to tackle this enormous source of climate pollution. The bill:



- ✓ **Cuts climate pollution by 40% by 2030 and over 80% by 2050** – Intro 1253 requires large buildings over 25,000 square feet to stop wasting energy and achieve 40% cuts in climate pollution by 2030 by upgrading their energy efficiency. Pollution cuts begin in 2024, giving buildings enough time to integrate projects into capital planning.
- ✓ **Creates Thousands of Good Jobs Yearly** – energy efficiency upgrades are hands-on work. Upgrades create jobs in everything from upgrading building systems (HVAC, boiler and radiator controls) and weather-stripping to improved insulation and LED lighting. Creating these jobs is particularly important for low-income and communities of color.
- ✓ **Improves Air Quality** – buildings use fossil fuels, typically for their boilers and through power plants that provide electricity. Most of the electricity downstate comes from power plants burning fracked gas or oil. The less polluting energy used, the cleaner the air, protecting our lungs from asthma, emphysema and other health conditions.
- ✓ **Enables Building Owners to use the Most Effective Solutions** – rather than set specific standards as in building code, Intro 1253 sets overall standards on buildings, allowing building owners to pick and choose the most cost-effective solutions.
- ✓ **Protects Affordable Housing** – Intro 1253 does not set standards on rent-regulated housing that would cause rent hikes via MCIs.
- ✓ **Saves Money on Utility Bills** – Energy efficiency saves money. Upgrades typically pay for themselves out of cost savings from lower utility bills. Intro 1253 will cut utility bills.

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