

VOTE FOR THE NYS CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, CLEAN JOBS BOND ACT
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Letters to the Editor



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Dear Cooperators,

There's a lot at stake in the 2022 midterm elections—including a great opportunity to protect our state's environment by voting for the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air,

and Green Jobs Bond Act. This would be the state's first environmental bond act since 1996.

The Bond act would safeguard clean drinking water, replace lead pipes, fund electric school buses, and cover the cost of retrofitting schools and other public buildings to improve energy efficiency and air filtration. It would update roads and sewer systems to withstand more intense storms, and it would provide funds for flood risk reduction and to restore shorelines damaged by heavy rains and tides. There's also money for farmland protection, wildlife conservation, and park improvements.

The Bond act has the support of more than 200 groups across the state, from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Audubon Society to the New York State AFL-CIO and the Construction Trades Council. The act would support nearly 100,000 green, family-sustaining jobs that can't be offshored.

Passing the Bond act by a wide margin would send a clear message that New Yorkers are serious about environmental protection. That's urgent, because we need legislators to take even stronger measures on climate in the upcoming session. Please spread the word that we need everyone to vote yes on this referendum item in November.

In cooperation,

Mimi Bluestone