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Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

As a constituent in your district, I am asking for your support for two bills which are before the State Legislature for consideration: Environmental Rights (A. 6279, S. 5287) and New York State Climate and Community Protection Act (A.8270-B, S.7971). Both of these bills are important to ensure basic protections for the people of our state.

While most of us recognize that having clean water and breathable air are basic moral imperatives, the Environmental Rights bills is important in making this a legal right. By incorporating this right into the New York State Constitution, decisions made at the state level will be better guided to prevent situations where air or water quality would be adversely affected. The majority of states have some provision regarding environmental values or rights in their constitutions. It is time for New York State to take this action to better protect its citizens.

Additionally, I strongly support the New York State Climate and Community Protection Act which will set critical mandates for achieving our goals for increasing renewable energy and reducing pollution. With the federal government abandoning its role in reducing greenhouse gases, it is even more important that the states take the lead in actions which can help to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. This bill would do that while creating good sustainable jobs and giving priority to environmental justice.

I hope that you will work to advance these bills into law. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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