

Senator Rachel May (SD-53) to Hold Regional Hearing in Syracuse on Climate and Community Protection Act

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Syracuse, New York - Today, Senator Rachel May (SD-53) announced that the Senate will be holding a regional hearing in Syracuse on the Climate & Community Protection Act ("CCPA"). As a co-sponsor of this legislation and member of the Environmental Conservation Committee, Senator May feels very strongly that Central and Western New York must have the opportunity to weigh in on this important bill. The comprehensive act intends to tackle the effects of climate change by drastically cutting greenhouse gases, diverting the State's

energy reliance to renewable sources, and creating green jobs in an effort to promote environmental justice across New York State.

**Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins**, said "New York needs to lead in this time of great crises for our planet. The CCPA is the main vehicle through which we will address climate change and these hearings will go a long way toward ensuring that all stakeholders will have input in the legislative process."

"Central and Western New York feel the impacts of climate change every day, and we as legislators should make every effort to include as many voices as possible when crafting this law," said Senator Rachel May. "Changes from the CCPA will be far-reaching and felt in all corners of our communities. Our region of the state is home to some of the world's largest freshwater lakes and fertile farm lands, but is also home to very vulnerable communities that will be severely impacted by climate change. Upstate voices must be included at every step of the way as we work to adapt to climate disruption and ensure a resilient future for all New Yorkers."

"With inaction in Washington, it is critical for us to take the bold steps necessary to protect our planet," said Senator Todd Kaminsky, Chair of the Environmental Conservation

Committee. "These hearings are a critical step to determining how New York can lead on the fight against climate change. To ensure the voices of all New Yorkers are heard as we craft this monumental legislation, we have scheduled hearings across our State to ensure that the CCPA best serves the diversity of our State."

The hearing schedule is as follows:

February 21 at 9 a.m. — SUNY-ESF Gateway Center, 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse NY 13210

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