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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL'S
APPROVAL OF ITS SCOPING PLAN**

Today the Climate Action Council approved its scoping plan that would tackle the growing climate catastrophe by offering its blueprint for how the state can move to a “green” economy. The plan is ambitious and contains a wide range of policy options for Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to consider during the upcoming legislative session.

The plan contains many good proposals and some not-so-good ideas, but falls short in one key area: *holding the oil companies – not New Yorkers – financially responsible for the gigantic costs facing the state.* A plan to do so is contained in Senate bill 9417/Assembly bill 10556 (2022 session). That legislation assesses the oil industry \$30 billion for climate costs and does so in a way that does not allow the industry to pass those costs onto the public.

The following statement is attributable to Blair Horner, Executive Director for NYPIRG:

"The Climate Action Council's plan is an important step forward in meeting New York's science-based greenhouse gas reduction and renewable power goals. But the plan lets the oil companies off the hook – the industry most responsible for the climate crisis. *Any final climate package must require the oil industry to foot the bill, not New Yorkers.* The governor and state lawmakers must embrace a climate superfund plan that would raise \$30 billion to cover the enormous financial costs the state faces due to rising sea levels, more intense storms, and hotter temperatures."

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