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Consumer Power Advocates Urges State Senate to Extend Power for Jobs before July 1 Expiration

NEW YORK, June 30, 2009 - Consumer Power Advocates (CPA), an alliance of large not-for-profit institutions in the New York Region, today urged the State Senate to extend the Power for Jobs program before it expires on July 1st. CPA membership consists of hospitals, universities, and medical schools. It includes some of the largest employers and energy users in New York State.

“The impact of the nonprofit sector in New York is directly tied to the economic well-being of New York State,” said the Executive Director of Consumer Power Advocates, Catherine Luthin. In 2007, health care and educational services accounted for 707,000 jobs in New York City. She went on to say, “It is clear that in this economic climate, increasing operational costs will result in significant declining job growth.”

If the program expires, these institutions will see sharp increases in their power bills. The dramatic increase in operating costs will result in the loss of jobs and eliminate the will to expand current or new facilities within these health and education institutions.

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