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Dear Members,

Since the late 1990's we have been actively involved in the extension of the Power for Jobs Program in New York State. Recently, Power for Jobs bills have been introduced by Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Senator Darrel Aubertine, Senator George Maziarz, and a program bill from the Governor's Office called Energize New York. After analyzing each bill, we support the Governor's bill for the following reasons:

- It will create a long term economic development program (7 year) contract durations, with options to allow for extensions during the contract period
- The bill provides a realistic funding mechanism
- The eligibility criteria established is fair to the non-profit community including job creation, retention, payroll size, capital and energy efficiency investments, whether it provides critical services or substantial benefits to the local community

We urge your organization to contact your local legislative members and the following legislative individuals found below in support of the Governor' bill. Since this bill is contained within the budget process your institution must take action now.

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I have attached a copy of the bill for your review. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Catherine Luthin
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