

1 **2025 NYSAC Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Climate Action, Energy & Environment**
3 **Resolution #5**

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5 **Resolution Urging the New York State Congressional Delegation to Protect**
6 **Federal Infrastructure and Climate Investments that Support Local**
7 **Communities**
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation
10 Reduction Act (IRA) represent historic federal investments in infrastructure, clean
11 energy, and climate resilience that are delivering significant benefits to New York's
12 counties and communities; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, New York State has received over \$28.8 billion in IIJA funding, including
15 \$22.6 billion for transportation, \$2.1 billion for water infrastructure, \$1.8 billion for
16 broadband, \$764 million for clean energy, \$592 million for resilience, and \$189 million
17 for remediation; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, New York State has also received over \$1.5 billion in IRA funding to
20 support clean energy deployment, building electrification, climate-smart agriculture,
21 and other initiatives that advance state and local climate goals; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, these federal investments are supporting critical local projects, including
24 road and bridge repairs, public transit improvements, lead service line replacements,
25 stormwater management, coastal resilience and habitat restoration, and low-carbon
26 building retrofits; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, these programs are creating family-sustaining jobs, spurring private
29 investment, strengthening supply chains, improving public health and safety, and
30 helping communities become more resilient; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the IRA established an innovative “direct pay” option that allows counties,
33 local governments, and other tax-exempt entities to directly access clean energy tax
34 incentives that were previously only available to tax-paying entities, enabling county
35 and local governments to pursue renewable energy, geothermal, and battery storage
36 projects, convert vehicle fleets to zero-emission vehicles, and install electric vehicle
37 charging infrastructure, reducing costs of projects to local taxpayers by 30-40 percent;
38 and

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40 **WHEREAS**, any disruption or reduction in this federal funding would significantly
41 impact counties' ability to deliver essential services and meet local infrastructure and
42 climate needs.

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44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
45 Counties (NYSAC) urges the New York State Congressional delegation to protect IIJA
46 and IRA funding that supports vital local infrastructure and clean energy projects; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC calls on Congress to ensure federal
2 agencies can continue disbursing already-committed funding to avoid disrupting
3 ongoing projects and creating uncertainty; and
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5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC supports maintaining and strengthening
6 federal programs that help counties improve infrastructure, expand clean energy, create
7 jobs, and build more resilient communities; and
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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC opposes any legislative efforts to repeal or
10 reduce funding for IIJA and IRA programs that provide critical support to New York’s
11 counties and municipalities; and
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13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of
14 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and
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16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
17 Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the New York
18 House Delegation, and all others deemed necessary and proper.