



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEAT & FROST INSULATORS & ALLIED WORKERS

Local No. **12** City **NEW YORK CITY** State **NEW YORK**

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The Honorable David A. Paterson
Governor of New York State
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson:

On behalf of the ~~working men and women who comprise Local 12 of the International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers~~, we are writing to offer our thoughts on your proposed State Energy Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

We are struck by your genuine commitment to conservation and efficiency – even making this goal the top priority of your proposed plan. As Mechanical Insulators - our skilled trade's people are at the very forefront of the green revolution – making our new buildings LEED certified, while saving the environment and lowering energy costs for businesses throughout New York City and Long Island. Additionally, we are also pleased at the proposed plan's commitment to training – to grow a new generation of green jobs. At Local 12, we heartily endorse and our doors are open to these efforts.

As Mechanical Insulators – we take heart in the fact that our work is designed to save money and keep a building healthy. And we are grateful for the support of leaders such as President Obama and yourself; leaders who recognize that making our buildings more energy efficient will reduce energy consumption in turn lowering pollution, put real dollars back in the hands of consumers, and grow a new generation of skilled tradesmen and women. Thank you for your support.

While insulation and conservation are important, we also need more supply – and that means more transmission, new power plants, and a sighting law modeled on Article 10 to facilitate this. We must also keep Indian Point open – and a continued part of our state's baseload power supply. Local 12 strongly supports our union brothers and sisters who work at the facility – and recognizes the positive impact Indian Point provides our region in terms of the downstate economy and downstate air quality.

Thank you for your leadership and continued efforts. We look forward to working with you to further the goals of conservation, efficiency and sustainability for all New Yorkers.

Sincerely yours,

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