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Honorable Rick Rector
Mayor, City of Hudson
520 Warren Street
Hudson, NY 12534

Dear Mayor Rector:

On behalf of the New York State agencies sponsoring the Climate Smart Communities Program, I congratulate you and the City of Hudson on adopting the Climate Smart Communities Pledge. Climate change is the defining issue of our generation; your commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare your community to deal with the effects of climate change will help protect both our citizens and our environment.

The Climate Smart Communities Program is an important partnership between local and State governments that makes a positive difference in New Yorkers' lives. The program focuses on technical, financial, and leadership resources to help local governments reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt their communities to a changing climate.

The Climate Smart Communities Program is a joint effort of six New York State agencies: Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Department of Public Service, and the Energy Research and Development Authority. DEC's Office of Climate Change acts as the administrator for Climate Smart Communities.

Guidance for the initial climate-smart steps that communities can take is available at www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76483.html. Learn about how the Climate Smart Communities Certification Program honors the municipal leaders who demonstrate the economic and environmental benefits of local climate action at <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/>. Visit www.dec.ny.gov/energy/89765.html for the latest news on the accomplishments of your fellow Registered Climate Smart Communities.

This is an "all hands on deck" moment in history. Climate change is affecting each of us and demands the attention of every government body, every business and every citizen. Leaving it to the next generation to fix will be too late. Thank you for your leadership in addressing climate change and dealing with its impacts.

Please contact Dazzle Ekblad at (518) 402-8448 or climatesmart@dec.ny.gov if you have any questions regarding the program.

Sincerely,



Basil Seggos
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c: D. Ekblad



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