THE PROBLEM:
Energy Use in Buildings Causes Climate Change

Energy use in buildings accounts for almost 70% of the carbon emissions in NYC that cause climate change. Lights, hot water, heating and cooling use electricity, natural gas, and/or oil.

There are around 1 million buildings in NYC, most of them older. Only making new buildings more efficient will not be enough.

Large private buildings over 25,000 sq ft account for just 2% of all buildings in NYC...but use almost half of the city’s total energy

THE SOLUTION:
Boldly Mandate that Buildings Stop Wasting Energy

Hold building owners accountable to maximize retrofit opportunities to meet our 80x50 goals. Set comprehensive energy efficiency standards effective now through 2050 to give building owners maximum time to adjust accordingly.

Protect rent-regulated housing to prevent displacement. Residents of rent regulated units should be protected from landlords using efficiency requirements to invoke Major Capital Improvement (MCI) increases.

Ambitious energy cuts mean greater job creation. Ensuring New York City reduces pollution 80% by 2050 will create nearly 4000 jobs per year in construction, energy efficiency and building maintenance.

OUR DEMANDS:
✓ A STANDARD TO 2050 THAT MEETS NYC’S 80 X 50 CLIMATE GOAL
✓ MAXIMIZE JOB CREATION WITH A LONG-TERM STANDARD
✓ 100% OF RENT REGULATED HOUSING PROTECTED

Climate Works for All is a broad coalition of labor, environmental justice, faith, and community organizations united to ensure that efforts to address climate change also create good, career-track jobs and prioritize low-income, climate-vulnerable communities. Through our No More Dirty Buildings campaign, Climate Works for All is urging the City to require energy efficiency improvements to reduce our emissions, create good, local jobs to address inequality, and protect rent-regulated housing to prevent displacement.

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