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**MEMO IN SUPPORT  
S.7057 (Harckham)/A.7179 (Weinstein)**

The Lower Hudson Education Coalition strongly supports S.7057 (Harckham)/A.7179 (Weinstein), which would remove the sunset clause from the Electric Generating Facility Cessation Mitigation Program (the Program).

Currently, school districts receive property tax revenue from Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements with local power plants. The Program assists local communities in offsetting the loss of property taxes when a power plant closes. The Hendrick Hudson School District receives \$24 million, approximately one-third of their budget, from their PILOT agreement with Indian Point. Due to the plant's closure, the Program is critical for mitigating the loss of tax dollars, which go toward essential district operations and the funding of salaries. Without it, taxpayers would likely see drastic tax increases, and students would see harmful program reductions.

With the implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and the state's transition away from fossil fuels, more and more communities will feel the impact of lost PILOT revenue. The Electric Generating Facility Cessation Mitigation Program must continue providing financial support to these communities and their police, fire departments and schools that are counting on it.

It is critical that S.7057/A.7179 is signed into law and districts like Hendrick Hudson can be kept whole as they work to navigate the challenges left by the COVID-19 pandemic.