“Our children and grandchildren are counting on us to take action now and protect the planet. Here in New York State, we’re leading the fight against climate change and putting us on a path toward a greener, more sustainable future.”

– Assistant Speaker Félix W. Ortiz
Assistant Speaker Félix W. Ortiz passed the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Ch. 106 of 2019), which:

- Sets goals to combat climate change, including:
  - reducing greenhouse gas emissions 85% by 2050
  - producing 70% of the state’s electricity from renewable energy systems by 2030
  - producing 100% of the state’s electricity without emissions by 2040
- Establishes the New York State Climate Action Council to keep the state on track with its goals
- Authorizes renewable energy projects in public low-income housing statewide
- Promotes environmental justice and sets aside 35% of the overall benefits of spending on clean energy and energy efficiency for projects in disadvantaged neighborhoods

For tips on how to reduce your household’s carbon footprint, visit:

To help clean our neighborhoods and waterways, Assistant Speaker Félix W. Ortiz also banned single-use plastic bags statewide (Ch. 58 of 2019).