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Re: Account for and Eliminate Fossil Fuel Outlays

Annually, New York loses \$1.6 billion in tax revenue on fossil fuel tax expenditures. While some, such as home heating subsidies, are necessary to support lower income New Yorkers, much of it is a boon to an industry whose continued long-term profits contradict the mandates of New York's groundbreaking clean energy law- The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Some annual expenditures include:

- **\$118 Million: Airline fuel is exempt from sales and use tax.**
- **\$77.3 Million: Certain petroleum products are exempt from the petroleum business tax, including kerosene, the highly polluting bunker fuel used for commercial shipping.**
- **\$182 Million: fossil fuel research & development**

With full budgetary transparency, accounting for and elimination of unhelpful exemptions, we can devote new revenue to integrating clean energy infrastructure in the homes of lower income New Yorkers.

Doling out mindless subsidies to fossil fuel corporations while we build out clean energy infrastructure in New York State is like eating raw kale in one hand while eating fried pork fat in the other. One counteracts the benefit of the other even as we waste precious resources and sink deeper into debt. It's time to come to terms with our careless cognitive dissonance.

**Thank you for your consideration.
For a Green NY,**

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