

Sample letter for New York State Representatives  
On Restoring the Environmental Protection Fund

Subject: Show Some Love by Restoring Our Environmental Protection Fund

Dear Lawmaker,

It's time to show how much you love New York.

I am writing to ask you to restore critical funding to the State's Environmental Protection Fund. Governor Paterson proposed cutting this vital funding source by \$69 million, but ensuring the Fund has the resources necessary to protect our air, land and water is of vital importance. New York shouldn't scrap the environment to make up for budget shortfalls.

Please restore the Fund to its current level of \$222 million.

Every county in New York State benefits from our Environmental Protection Fund. But over the last few years, half a billion dollars has been taken from the Fund for non-environmental programs. As a result, important projects await payment and new projects are delayed. What we sacrifice today won't be there for our children if we don't protect it now. That's why we also need to ensure EPF money is used for dedicated programs, and a repayment plan is created to restore the integrity of the Fund.

Please keep protecting what we love about New York State by restoring the Environmental Protection Fund during budget negotiations.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,