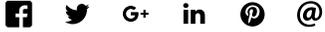




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# In Your Opinion: Nuclear power will get us to our clean energy needs

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Keith Schue makes numerous important points in his recent guest commentary, "Nuclear power is necessary part of energy transition." He is spot on that New York State's Energy Standard, which seeks to cut greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 is "a practical approach that makes sense." Mr. Schue isn't alone in his support for clean, reliable nuclear power. In recent years, a growing number of prominent, highly respected environmentalists like Michael Shellenberger have come to support nuclear generation.

Today, most of New York's carbon-free power, 59.7 percent, is generated by non-emitting nuclear power plants. The Clean Energy Standard will support nuclear facilities in New York to help bridge the gap between the clean, non-emitting energy we need and the low- and no-carbon electric generation facilities we have. Without the CES and its very modest support for nuclear facilities, carbon emissions could rise by 31 million tons annually, the equivalent of adding six million cars to New York's roads.

There is a real cost to this kind of pollution: public health cost increases and other societal damage from climate change could result in a societal cost of \$1.4 billion, according to New York state. As a coastal state, and a national leader on climate change, New York needs the Clean Energy Standard the zero-carbon nuclear power it supports.

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