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Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary
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3 Empire State Plaza
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Dear Ms. Brillling,

I am writing to urge the continuation of the SBC program beyond its current expiration date of June 30, 2006.

The SBC program provides \$150 million per year of investments in renewable resources, energy efficiency, energy R&D, and environmental public benefit initiatives in New York State. These initiatives are very important, especially in light of the state's new renewable portfolio standard, and the northeast RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative).

Research on the effects of air pollution, especially the pollution that blows into New York from power generating plants outside the state, is crucial in ongoing efforts to improve pollution controls and safeguard public health. Research into renewable energy sources also deserves more support, as these technologies will pay windfalls to the state in improved public health, increased energy independence and lower environmental costs.

As a graduate student in Environmental Policy at Bard College, and a longtime resident of New York State, I am very interested in the state's environmental and energy **future**. Please maintain the SBC program at or above its **current funding** level.

Thank you,



Todd Paul