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**MEMORANDUM IN STRONG SUPPORT OF  
S.8481(Maziarz)/A.11582 (Gordon)**

**Provides for net energy metering for non-residential  
customer-generators operating wind electric generating systems**

The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) strongly supports this legislation and urges that it be passed immediately. This bill amends the Public Service law to allow non-residential electric service customers to net meter on-site wind generation installations.

Net metering is a simple, fair, low-cost and easily administered mechanism available to consumers in nearly every state to encourage customer investment in renewable energy such as solar and wind power. Without net metering, renewable energy systems typically are not feasible investments. New York needs to expand its net metering law to help customers save on their energy bills, reduce air pollution and stress on the electric grid, increase energy independence, and promote new economic investment. Net metering for wind will also spur the development of supporting businesses in the state including installers, research and development facilities, component and turbine manufacturers.

ACE NY believes this bill represents necessary reform for net metering for on-site wind generation. By allowing all customer classes and installations up to 2 MW to take advantage of net metering, S.8481/A.11582 creates the necessary climate for business, municipalities, non-profits, and schools to invest in this fuel-free, pollution-free, domestic resource.

For the above reasons, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York strongly supports this legislation and urges its quick passage.

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