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O'BRIEN SUPPORTS GOVERNOR SPITZER'S "15 BY 15" ENERGY GOAL

Governor Eliot Spitzer recently announced "15 by 15". His goal -- to decrease our energy consumption from forecasted levels by 15 percent by the year 2015 --- is the most aggressive target in the nation. I applaud his leadership on this critical issue. This plan is an opportunity for New York to lead the nation into an era of sustainable energy.

The Governor's two-pronged approach calls for increased energy efficiency and increased sustainable power supply. Implementation of a clean power plant siting law and investment in clean energy production will result in lower energy bills, a cleaner environment, and thousands of jobs in a new industry born from clean power.

"15 by 15" is a call to arms for each of us -- within our households as well as the State House. Each of us must become educated about energy efficiency and renewable energy goals on an individual basis.

The Democratic Minority of the Rensselaer County Legislature has introduced numerous environmental initiatives including steadfast support of an updated bottle bill and an active Environmental Management Council. This month we are calling for the formation of a Countywide Global Warming Action Plan to help residents, businesses and municipalities each do their share to conserve energy.

I urge readers to embrace "15 by 15" and lobby their state lawmakers to support Governor Spitzer's "15 by 15" initiative. Together, and individually, we can and will make a difference to improve our environment.

Sincerely,
Ginny O'Brien
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"Say NO To Drugs"