



Urban Green Council remarks at signing of NYC's All-Electric New Buildings Law

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We're here today due to a simple and powerful truth: furnaces, boilers and hot water heaters emit more carbon in NYC than all uses of electricity combined.

This law begins to change that reality — to tackle our largest source of carbon — so we get to the climate future we want with better air to breathe.

And what makes this day so meaningful is we're the largest city on our planet to take this step.

It gives us hope. It gives us pride. And it gives us motivation to build on this momentum.

Urban green is dedicated to decarbonizing buildings. Our research shows electrifying buildings with heat pumps saves carbon even with today's grid. And our research also shows smart electrification with efficient heat pumps and demand management can grow adoption from less than 1% today to 40% across our city before we have to make major upgrades to our grid to deal with new demand.

Bottom line, there's no reason to wait, and neither will the signing of our new law.

Urban Green salutes Council Member Ampry-Samuel, Council Member Gennaro, Speaker Johnson, all the sponsors, and the Mayor for his strong support. We also thank Council staff, the Mayor's Office staff and everyone that worked so hard to make this historic day a new reality in fighting climate change.