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ANJEC friends,

New Jersey communities victimized by industrial pollution are being shortchanged.

Under New Jersey's current law, no matter how much money our state wins in damages from corporate polluters, there's a cap on the amount that goes to restore local communities where the contamination happens. The state can divert the rest of

the money to completely unrelated projects or use it to cover budget shortfalls.

**This policy is why towns still haven't recovered from decades of industrial pollution, but we've got a chance to fix it.** If both legislative chambers pass legislation this session, New Jerseyans will get to vote next year on a constitutional amendment to put these funds in a lockbox.

**We've got a good shot at getting this through the legislature but we need to make sure it's clear the public strongly supports changing this policy. Sign the petition now telling Assembly and Senate leaders to give voters the chance to permanently dedicate damages from big polluters to environmental projects.**

New Jersey has been the site of major refining and energy production for more than a hundred years, and countless communities have been treated like dumping grounds.

We've seen what happens once pollution destroys open spaces, rivers, and wetlands. Towns become known for their contaminated past and can take decades to rebound – and some never do.

The good news is that our state has won billions in environmental damages against big polluters. But because of this archaic policy, only a fraction of those dollars have been spent making communities whole again.

**We know if we can get this issue on the ballot next year, New Jersey residents will vote to dedicate every dime in polluter damages to restoring the environment and compensating the public.**

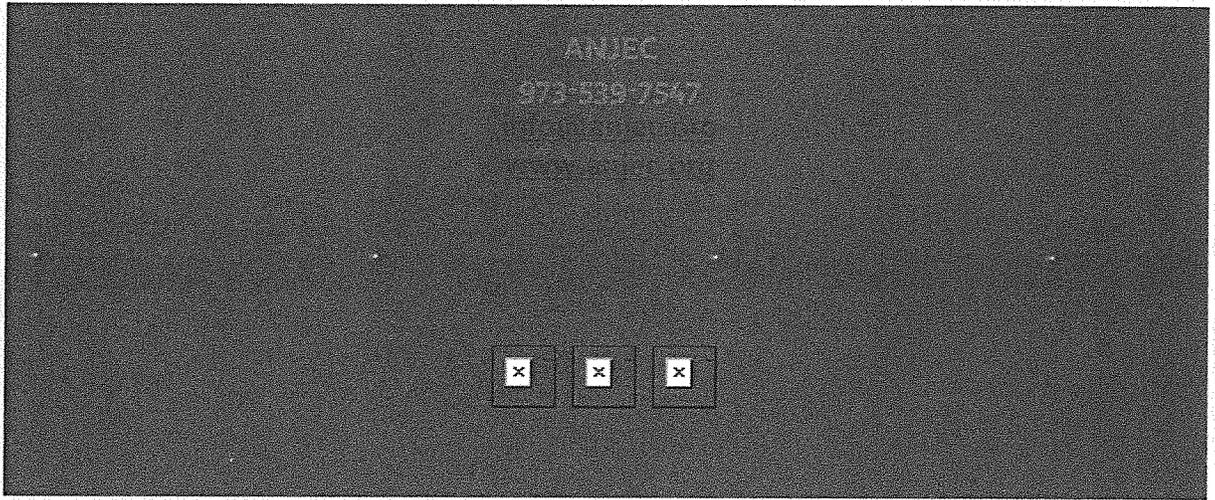
If enough of us speak up now, we can convince Senate and Assembly leaders to bring the issue to a vote by December 31 and take this critical first step in getting this amendment on the ballot.

**Add your name now. Tell legislative leaders it's time to stop raiding funds from big polluters to close budget gaps.**

Thanks for all that you do.

Best Regards,

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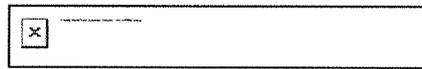


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