

## **Senator Thomson and NY Senate Energy Committee**

Senator Antoine Thomson, chair of the New York State Energy Committee, has introduced several bills on the issue of climate change. S2715 is the Feed In Tariff bill which will set an equitable rate to be paid to producers of alternate sources such as solar and wind. This type of legislation, currently used in many European countries, has increased clean energy production immensely, by making it possible for alternate energy producers to obtain bank loans for their projects. One of the main drawbacks to alternate energy growth in the US is that the wildly fluctuating energy market makes it impossible for potential solar wind and geothermal providers to know whether they will be able to successfully develop their industries.

The Senator has also introduced bill S1209, the global warming pollution prevention act, to acquire the monitoring of greenhouse gasses in New York State, and to acquire their reduction by 80% by the year 2050. This is similar to a law already enacted in the State of California. You may wish to send letters of support for these items to Senator Thomson's assistant Bill Nowak at [bnsenate@verizon.net](mailto:bnsenate@verizon.net).