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**NYPIRG Statement on NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio and Comptroller Scott Stringer's
Move to Sue Fossil Fuel Companies for Climate Damages and Divest the City's
Pension Funds from Fossil Fuels**

NYPIRG applauds the strong stand by the Mayor and City Comptroller to take on the fossil fuel industry. For too long, the industry has bamboozled the public about the dangers of global warming and its role in climate change. As a result, national policies to combat climate change have stagnated and millions of people worldwide have suffered.

Statewide and local elected leaders are heeding the public's call for gas and oil industry accountability, including NYS Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's investigation into the role ExxonMobil played in misleading the public on climate change. In light of the Trump Administration's dangerous ignorance in this area, NY must continue this work and move to 100% renewable energy to combat our ever-growing climate crisis.