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**NYPIRG ANNOUNCES MEGAN AHEARN AS ITS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AHEARN IS NYPIRG'S EIGHTH DIRECTOR IN ITS 50-YEAR EXISTENCE**

Blair Horner Assumes Role of "Senior Policy Advisor"

(New York, N.Y.) The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) today announced that effective January 1, 2025, Megan Ahearn is its new Executive Director. Ms. Ahearn previously served as NYPIRG's Program Director overseeing NYPIRG's community and campus policy work. Ms. Ahearn succeeds Blair Horner and will be NYPIRG's eighth Executive Director in its 50-plus year existence.

As Program Director, Ms. Ahearn led NYPIRG's advocacy in support of the state's All-Electric Building Act and New York City's Local Laws 97 (2019) and 154 (2021)— nation-leading climate laws reducing greenhouse gas emissions from buildings. Ahearn oversaw NYPIRG's work to win a statewide ban on hydrofracking in 2015, block proposals to expand fossil fuel infrastructure in New York State, and register tens of thousands of New York voters annually, many of whom are college students new to the voter rolls. She was also NYPIRG's lead organizer on successful campaigns to stop public college tuition hikes, expand financial aid programs, and increase state aid to public and independent colleges.

Ms. Ahearn was recognized as one of the *City & State New York's 40 Under 40 Rising Stars* in 2017. Ms. Ahearn, a graduate of the University of Delaware, started with NYPIRG in 2006. She resides in New York City with her family.

Horner will remain on NYPIRG's staff as its Senior Policy Advisor, primarily focusing on state government advocacy.

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