Not only do I unequivocally support legislation like the one being proposed today, I believe it is the only avenue that fosters autonomy, respect, and compassion for impoverished communities. Making positive steps toward amelioration of ecological and environmental devastation and distress must be approved and put to action. The environment is not something to be disrespected and put off. We are all in grave danger and jeopardy of losing a habitable earth. It may start with localized initiatives, but this is the time to move, to grow, and to push for the survival and flourishing of our, and the entire planet of sentient beings, very lives.