March 16, 2021

Mary-Anne E. Dandles
Clerk of the Assembly
New York State Assembly
Albany, NY 12248

Alejandra N. Paulino
Secretary of the Senate
New York State Senate
Albany, New York 12247

Re: Senate No. 528

Dear Ms. Paulino and Ms. Dandles:

In accordance with Article 19, section 1 of the Constitution, the Senate has requested my opinion as to the legal effect of the amendment proposed by the above-designated concurrent resolution upon the other provisions of the Constitution. Members of my staff have reviewed the relevant provisions.

This concurrent resolution proposes to amend Article 1 of the Constitution, in relation to the right to clean air and water and a healthful environment.

In my opinion, if adopted, the proposed amendment will have no further effect upon other provisions of the Constitution.

Sincerely,

LETITIA JAMES