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**Divest NY today announced their endorsement of both
Drew Warshaw and Raj Goyle for New York State Comptroller**

“Divest NY is excited to support both Raj Goyle and Drew Warshaw in their campaigns to become the next Comptroller of New York State,” said Ruth Foster of Divest NY. “Instead of DiNapoli’s business as usual, both Warshaw and Goyle will provide the leadership needed to protect the Common Retirement Fund from volatile fossil fuel investments, go after greedy utility companies and protect our planet for future generations.”

The climate crisis is upon us. The upcoming summer is expected to be brutal with dangerous heatwaves, severe drought across the country, wildfires, and extreme storms. We know the solution to the climate crisis is to stop burning fossil fuels, yet, despite his commitment to divest from fossil fuels in 2020, [Comptroller DiNapoli continues to invest heavily in Exxon, Shell, Chevron and other Big Oil companies](#) that continue to destroy our climate. In addition, continued investments in risky fossil fuels have hurt the pension fund. This is well documented in Drew Warshaw’s recent report: [The Fiduciary Case for Divesting the New York State & Local Retirement Systems](#).

Both Raj Goyle and Drew Warshaw have:

- Committed to fully divest the Common Retirement Fund from fossil fuels that destroy our climate and cause our pension to underperform.
- Outlined plans to use the power of the office to implement New York’s 2019 Climate Law (Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act or CLCPA) ensuring that state agencies’ decisions are in compliance with the law,
- Committed to providing fossil free options for New York’s 529 plan. Parents who wish to invest in their children’s future will no longer have to invest in the destruction of their future,
- Committed to divest the \$388 million that is currently invested in Israeli bonds that fund an ongoing war against the Palestinian people.

Divest NY believes that we need a Comptroller who will provide leadership and a vision for how the office can help New Yorkers. Both Warshaw and Goyle have expressed a vision for using the power of the audit to protect against corporate greed, to lower utility rates and ensure that state agencies are following the climate law. We are impressed with their commitment to climate justice and human rights.

For these reasons, Divest NY calls on our members and supporters to vote for either Raj Goyle or Drew Warshaw for Comptroller of New York State.