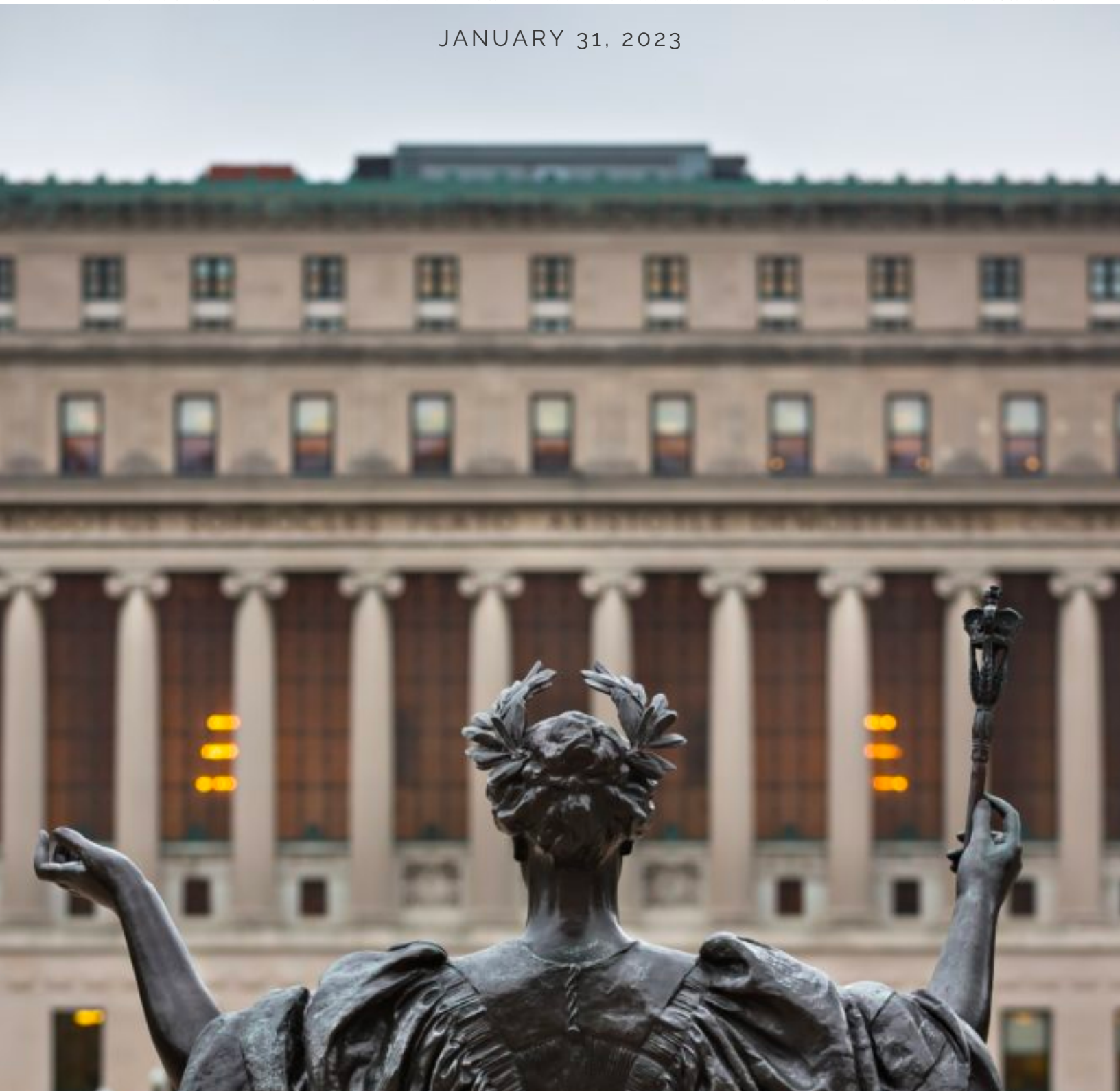


NOT JUST HEALTHCARE

A COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL STUDENTS' AGENDA FOR A
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HEALTH IS: HEALTH JUSTICE

New York Health Act (S5474 RIVERA / A7099A REYES)

Would establish a universal single payer health plan - that would guarantee comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers

End Medical Debt Package (S1366 RIVERA / A8441 GOTTFRIED)

Would require all hospitals in the state to adopt a uniform financial assistance application and policy to simplify the process for patients to apply and be eligible for financial assistance. It would also condition distribution of state Indigent Care Pool (ICP) funds to the hospital's implementation and compliance with the policy.

Coverage 4 All (S1572A RIVERA / A880A GOTTFRIED)

Creates a state-funded Essential Plan for New Yorkers up to 200% of the federal poverty level who are currently excluded because of their immigration status. This could be implemented within 6-12 months for immediate relief.

Shield Law (S1066A MAYER)

Protects providers who prescribe self-managed abortion pills via telemedicine to patients in other states from being extradited/arrested by other states where abortion is illegal

HEALTH IS: IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

Dignity Not Detention (S7373 SALAZAR / A7099A REYES)

Would close a loophole that has allowed immigrant New Yorkers to be prisoners for profit in New York for many years, putting New York back as a leading state in immigrant's rights

New York for All Act (S3076B SALAZAR / A2328B REYES)

Would broadly prohibit state and local officers from enforcing federal immigration laws, funneling people into ICE custody, and sharing sensitive information with federal immigration authorities.

HEALTH IS: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Kick Fossil Fuels out of Buildings Package

- **All-Electric Building Act (S6843C / A8431B of 2022)**
 - Would require all new buildings to be constructed without fossil fuel combustion systems or appliances, starting in 2024 for those under seven stories, and by 2027 for larger buildings
- **NY Home Energy Affordable Transition Act (S8198 / A9329)**
 - Would eliminate billions of dollars in subsidies for new gas hookups, enable neighborhood scale building decarbonization, and ensure energy affordability for low- and moderate-income families
- **Energy Efficiency, Equity, and Jobs Act (S3126C Parker / A3996C Hunter of 2022)**
 - Would require building energy efficiency retrofit funding to be deployed where it is needed most: in-low income communities and communities of color statewide

NY Renews Climate, Justice and Jobs Bill Package

- The Climate and Community Protection Fund creates a pool of money to fund and implement our landmark Climate Act.
- The Build Public Renewables Act would allow the New York Power Authority to build new large-scale renewables more quickly, effectively, and democratically than private developers.
- The Climate Accountability Act gives state agencies the power and guidance they need to implement the Climate Act and ensure that our energy system is accountable and transparent to the public.
- The Blueprint Bill provides a plan to guide the replacement and redevelopment of New York State's fossil fuel facilities and sites by 2030.
- The Climate Change Superfund Act (2022 - S9417, A10556) Makes the state's worst polluters, major oil companies, pay by collecting a part of the cost of damages that the state's worst climate polluters caused through harmful climate pollution.
- The Fossil Fuel Subsidy Elimination Act will end the most egregious state subsidies of \$330 million to climate crisis contributors—the fossil fuel industry.

HEALTH IS: ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Invest in Our New York (IONY) Bill Package:

- Progressive Income Tax (S2622 JACKSON / A4604 MEEKS)
- Capital Gains Tax (S2522 RIVERA / A03352 KIM)
- Heirs Tax (S3462 BRISPORT / A04643 DE LA ROSA)
- Billionaire's Tax (S04482 RAMOS / A05092 DE LA ROSA)
- Corporate Tax (S2833 HOYLMAN-SIGAL / A04595 KELLES)
- Wall Street Tax (S3980 SALAZAR / A5215 NIOU)

This suite of legislation would reduce inequality while raising billions for childcare, housing, public education, workers, and climate justice!

HEALTH IS: HOUSING JUSTICE

Good Cause Evictions (S305 SALAZAR / A5573 HUNTER)

would make it illegal to evict tenants except for cases of nonpayment, creating a nuisance or when a landlord obtained a court order. It would also guarantee lease renewals and restricted rent increases by 3% per year or by tying it to inflation.

Housing Voucher Access Program

Sets up a statewide rental subsidy program for low-income New Yorkers who are homeless, facing eviction, or at risk of losing their housing because of domestic violence or hazardous living conditions.

Tenant Opportunity To Purchase Act (S3157 Myrie / A5971)

- TOPA would give tenants the right of first refusal if their landlord decides to sell their building. Tenants could buy the building together and own it as a cooperative, turn the building into publicly owned housing, or work with a nonprofit to remain a permanently affordable rental.
- The law would also help tenants fight for better conditions in the buildings they currently live in by reducing the incentives for landlords to keep buildings in disrepair to sell them off to the highest buyer.

Rent Guidelines Board / Emergency Tenant Protection Act Reforms

- Reforms would require the RGB to take a wider variety of considerations into account when determining rental prices to ensure they truly reflect the reality tenants on the ground face, provide municipalities with guidelines for their vacancy studies, and correct the balance of power by giving tenants and their advocates a stronger role.
- In addition, it would move RGB votes to November instead of June and reduce Mayoral power over the RGB to keep the board more accountable. Everyone's rent increases would happen at the same time.

Social Housing Development Authority

- This legislation will create a Social Housing Development Authority (SHDA), a statewide authority with the power to build and preserve high-quality, affordable housing all across New York State.
- Though social housing is largely new to the United States, it is common across the world, and a number of states are turning to the model to address a decades-long affordability crisis.