



**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT A. 1248/ S. 2995
Teleworking Expansion Act**

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) supports A. 1248/S. 2995, the Teleworking Expansion Act. This Act amends New York City's Administrative Code, and requires that City agencies form teleworking policies for their employees.

This Act will reduce the commute of hundreds of New York City employees, having positive effects not only on the employees themselves and their families, but also the commutes of thousands of people who work and live in the New York City region.

In allowing City employees to telework to the extent possible without affecting job performance, traffic congestion in and out of New York City will be lessened, and overcrowding on mass transit systems will be mitigated. In addition to the private and non-profit sectors, a number of other jurisdictions have teleworking policies, including Virginia and Arizona.

Teleworking has positive environmental benefits as well. Telework Arizona estimates that "State teleworkers annually drive 5.25 million fewer miles, [and] generate 175,000 fewer pounds of air pollution."¹

NRDC, for the above reasons, supports this legislation as it is currently written.

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¹ Telework Arizona. "Background." <<http://www.teleworkarizona.com/mainfiles/visitor/voverview.htm>>. Page accessed 3/30/09.