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E-commerce Companies Break Record Sales at the Expense of Vulnerable Communities

Corporations' big profit events lead to increases in truck traffic and air pollution from mega e-commerce warehouses in disadvantaged communities across the state

New York – This summer's Amazon Prime Day sale marked the company's first-ever 96-hour event. The giant e-commerce company entices customers with savings, and similar to previous years, [Amazon boasted record sales and savings](#) at the expense of communities living near their warehouses. To ensure these companies are good neighbors, the state legislature must pass the Clean Deliveries Act ([S.1180B/A.3575B](#)).

Although Amazon and [other major corporations](#) attract customers with summer deals, for the [one in four New](#) Yorkers who live within a half-mile of an e-commerce warehouse, the additional daily truck trips and pollution are hardly something to celebrate. According to a recent report from the [Environmental Defense Fund](#), state-defined disadvantaged communities cover just over eight percent of the state but contain over 50 percent of the warehouses, and communities of color bear the brunt of this unregulated industry. Over the last decade, four times more warehouse space has been built compared to the previous decade; this expansion has led to nearly five times more diesel truck trips generated by warehouses.

The ElectrifyNY coalition had this to say:

“Communities across the state are paying the price while e-commerce companies smash record profits. The Clean Deliveries Act is necessary to rein in the harm caused by these companies on a daily basis. When corporations announce these mega savings events, neighborhoods where these mega warehouses are sited suffer even more from increases in traffic and air pollution to meet same-day and next-day delivery demands. These are the same communities that have borne the brunt of polluting infrastructure, and these events can lead to hundreds or thousands of additional daily truck trips. The Clean Deliveries Act would establish an indirect source rule to direct the state to review emissions related to large warehouses and require warehouse operators to choose from an array of actions to minimize pollution. Not only would this bill help the state meet our climate mandates, but it will protect communities and create healthy neighborhoods across the state.”



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[ElectrifyNY](#) is a statewide coalition of advocates for environmental justice, public transportation, social justice, and good jobs fighting for a clean, equitable electric transportation future for New York. Our work aims to improve the environment and public health outcomes for the communities most affected by the negative impacts of the transportation sector's dependency on fossil fuels.

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