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LINCROFT, NJ - Jeff Tittel, Director of the N.J. Chapter of the Sierra Club, will discuss the systematic political assaults by conservative politicians on environmental rules and regulations at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23, at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft. His address, to the combined general membership meetings of the Jersey Shore (Monmouth) Group of Sierra and the N.J. Friends of Clearwater, will focus on the assaults in Trenton.

This meeting, open to students, the general public and all environmental organizations, is hosted by the BCC Science Field Station at Sandy Hook to encourage BCC students to be involved in statewide and national debates on the importance of strong environmental regulations.

At the Lincroft meeting, a cash buffet at 6:00 p.m. will precede the Tittel's presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Gov. Chris Christie has opposed many environmental bills, while his environmental commissioner insists that any evaluation of new regulations must be balanced by their impact on economic growth. Tittel will explain how pro-development supporters in Trenton continue to claim – without proof -- that environmental protections have caused the nation's recent recession, economic stagnation, and high unemployment, even though this argument has been dismissed by most economists, including Nobel Prize winner Paul Krugman of Princeton University.

All is not bleak, however. Tittel will also point out some rays of hope on the horizon.

Tittel's talk on eroding state environmental protections will be a prelude to Rep. Frank Pallone, who on Monday, April 23 will highlight the national assault on U.S. regulations, especially the Environmental Protection Agency, by radical conservative, anti-environmental legislators. Since radicals captured the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010, there have been about 190 votes against environmental regulations on the House floor, and about 85 of them have targeted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Rep. Pallone will discuss how more assaults can be expected in election year 2012.

To get to meeting at Brookdale, take Parkway Exit 109 to Route 520 West (Newman Springs Road, which becomes E. Main Street at the Lincroft campus). Take the traffic circle into the campus and follow the signs to the Warner Student Life Center (SLC), where the meeting will be in the Twin Lights Rooms 1 and 2. Use parking lot 7. As you walk eastward towards the building complex, Warner will be on your left. If lot 7 is full, use parking lots 5 or 6. A campus map is at http://www.brookdalecc.edu/PDFFiles/MAPS/MAP_04_08.pdf

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