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Dear Draft Scoping Plan Comments Climate Action Council,

I support efforts to fight climate change, but fear that NY is on a path which would create huge financial hardship for my family, and serious problems for the state. If the Climate Action Council's scoping plans are not changed, homeowners would be forced to spend tens of thousands of dollars to convert their home to electric heat pumps, stoves, and water heaters.

We would be penalized with carbon taxes or surcharges on other fuels. NY's electric rates are already among the highest in the country, and we report the most outages of any state in the mid-Atlantic. The rapid, untested changes to the electric grid are likely to send electric rates even higher and compromise the resilience of the electric grid.

I don't believe we have a good enough understanding of the real costs and risks of these plans, and there will be a backlash when their impact is felt. Our path forward should not ban fuels like natural gas, propane gas and biofuel heating oil which can get increasingly renewable. We can reduce carbon output significantly without putting all our eggs in one fragile, expensive electric basket.

We are moving too far, too fast, with too much risk and cost. I urge you to support a broader path to a cleaner energy future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Regards,
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