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Dear CAC Climate Action Council,

I'd like to express my support for Scenario 3 – Accelerated Transition Away from Combustion — which pushes hardest on electrification as a strategy and uses the lowest levels of bioenergy and combustion.

Out of the economy-wide strategies, I support a polluter pays model with rebates to fund the implementation of the Final Scoping Plan. The "clean energy supply standard" could expand reliance on fossil fuel infrastructure and allow emissions from fuel combustion to continue to disproportionately impact Disadvantaged Communities. A cap and invest strategy could further concentrate polluters in low-income communities of color.

Some bad ideas within the plan include maintaining the same amount of waste incineration or "waste to energy" and continued combustion of fuels like hydrogen, biogas, or fossil gas.

I am extremely pleased to see the plan's acknowledgment that achieving deep decarbonization is feasible by mid-century with electrification overtaking combustion across the major sectors of our economy. Overall, I hope to see the final plan fully integrate the comments, concerns, and ideas of the Climate Justice Working Group. The extent to which the needs of people are reflected over the interests of the fossil fuel industry depends upon the CJWG being decision-makers as the CLCPA intends.

I am proud and appreciate that the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act was passed and is being implemented in New York State. The final scoping plan should be a model for other ambitious climate action blueprints to follow and should match the vision that the social and environmental champions who made this law possible intended.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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