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Dear Climate Action Council Council,

I am writing to share my concerns with the Climate Action Council's proposed Scoping Plan. As written, the Plan would significantly harm New York small business owners and all New Yorkers.

Banning natural gas would force New Yorkers off the primary resource used to heat their homes and other daily activities. The cost of retrofitting New York for a gas-free future would be astronomical and reliability would suffer. A carbon pricing system or an emissions cap would add such a significant cost increase to businesses without making any meaningful changes to those businesses' emissions. I strongly oppose complete bans and regulations that would do more harm than good.

Energy in New York needs to remain reliable and affordable. If this plan is adopted, New York will spend a fortune to electrify every piece of our state without being prepared to produce that electric capacity as planned. Remove harmful elements of the Draft Scoping Plan, address the electric grid's limited capacity to ensure reliability, and guarantee that transitioning to a sustainable future does not come at higher prices or at the expense of small business owners that drive the economy of the state.

Sincerely,

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