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## Climate Action Council Extends Deadline for Public to Comment on Draft Scoping Plan to July 1

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NY Draft Scoping Plan Comments

While offering testimony on the Newburgh Danskammer repowering I was alarmed at the misinformation peddling playing an active role in New York's worthy objective to improve the environment. Let's begin with New York having the oldest and arguably dirtiest energy fleet in the nation. Add that proven technology to end emissions by 2040 simply does not exist today. Consider that battery technology still requires an energy source to "fuel" them. The batteries themselves require materials, most often strip mined in an environmentally destructive manner with no regulation to restore or repurpose those areas. The wind supply required to make that energy source viable does not exist save perhaps Antarctica. Perhaps. Wind towers are unsightly and their optimal materials are produced from oil and chemical based plastics which you seek to outlaw. We mislead the public with terms like "fossil fuel" when knowingly the fossils you speak of are overwhelmingly dominated by "plant" products in the production of oil and oil based fuel. Even our fuel at the pump is diluted with corn based ethanol which strips our farmland of much needed nutrients for food and lowers the efficiency of the internal combustion engine. Nuclear energy has been ruled out despite exemplary performance of the Indian Point power plant which operated well beyond its intended life and not 1 loss of life. I am a big fan of solar but we would need to cover much of the State to produce the energy we consume.

We are a State, a nation in steep decline. Like the Roman, Dutch and British empires before us all of the signs of decline are evident. Spiraling debt, spending binges and disinformation fuel our peril. It is sad that New York continues to lead the way with policy that simply in its current form cannot work. Thousands of value producers leave our State every year. We didn't get here overnight. We won't sole this overnight either. These views are my own and not necessarily that of the MCSD.

Respectfully,

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