

**Statement of Robert A. Becherer, 14 Midwood Road, Stony Brook, NY re:
CLCPA-CAC Draft Public Scoping Plan
Submitted at Brookhaven Town Hall-April 6, 2022**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a New York State resident of the Town of Brookhaven, a professional engineer with over 30 years of work experience in the environmental engineering field, 15 of which were spent as an employee of the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation. But, more than any professional knowledge I have obtained in my years of public service, I come to you as a grandfather, father and member of the human family with great concern for the future of our Town, State, Country and world.

I believe we are at a tipping point regarding the welfare of our planet. The CLCPA is a groundbreaking piece of legislation for New York State; most other states and nations in the world must also step up. NY State can have a significant impact on climate change but it must also provide the financial resources to implement the goals of CLCPA, those being a clean energy economy by 2050, and a zero emissions electric grid by 2040. Future generations are relying on us, the adults in the room, to "do the right thing." The scoping plan must place a **much greater** emphasis on moving toward **zero waste** than the current document does.

As the great philosopher Pogo said on Earth Day 1971, "we have met the enemy, and it is us."

Thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Becherer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.