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RE: Draft Scoping Plan Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

I, as well as many others I speak with on a regular basis, opposes the Democratic left's hidden agenda. From criminal justice "reform's", jeopardizing our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights, non-US citizens flooding our border and entering our country illegally, to the implementation of a "Green New Deal". How do you expect an already weakened electrical grid to support this? With this plan, the Democrat's want to eliminate reliable and affordable sources of energy. This is absurd, especially in rural areas where I live where I lose electrical power several times over during the course of a year and especially during harsh winters. It's ironic that as I am writing this it was just broadcasted that 4500 residents in Lockport, NY lost electrical power! Cutting off dependable sources of energy would be costly to residents as well as businesses and will be ineffective on a global scale. To completely alter with your out of touch proposal is beyond concerning! Your plan is unaffordable, unforgiving, and unsustainable!

I am supportive of a clean and efficient energy future, but it's imperative we do not overlook and jeopardize the IMPORTANCE of reliability and affordability. As we try to achieve climate goals and until then we cannot totally shy away from the use of gas. This would have a major impact on all companies that rely on gas/oil to make products. Industries and services that make parts and products, etc will ALL be impacted and will be destroyed. I'm certainly not in the market to purchase a new car (electric) – I plan to keep my new gas vehicle for the remainder of my lifetime. No one has ever mentioned the cost to fuel a car via electricity. Nor have they mentioned that in cold climates batteries lose 2/3 of their battery power during zero degree temperatures. Not to mention the corrosive salt that already destroys vehicles in this area, which will also affect the life of a battery. This is just a handful of the issues, as there are many more, that will be affected by the implementation of this plan.

I **remorsefully** voted democratic this past election and cannot wait till 2024 to reverse my vote! I am so extremely upset and angry each day with what this current administration has done and is doing, and can't believe we have to go 2 more years! Donald Trump made our country energy independent and that's where we need to be today!!

Regards,

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