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The goals and objectives of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (The Act) passed in the budget flurry of 2020 need to be reassessed. The Act contrary to its benign sounding name is an assault on local communities and is having a dramatic effect on our lives. Until a reassessment is accomplished by an independent third party a moratorium on all activities related to this act must be imposed. Our economy is being greatly impacted, home rule is being taken from us and huge technical issues remain to be to be solved.

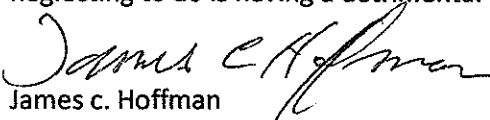
An example of the economic damage is the push to electrify our transportation system by outlawing the purchase all fossil fueled automobiles by 2035. Studies have shown that sitting side by side in the showroom electric vehicles are more expensive to build, "dirtier" to construct and their "clean benefits" show up only after many thousand miles of driving, not to mention range problems, lack of fueling stations and safety and toxic waste disposal issues. Without heavy government subsidies there is no market for electric automobiles and tax breaks benefit only the wealthy.

In order to be cost competitive with fossil fueled vehicles a breakthrough in battery technology is necessary. Other economic issues abound as we are forced to electrify our homes, give up our clean burning natural gas and propane appliances and will be fined for driving fossil fueled vehicles. No clean energy policies should be implemented without a serious thorough cost benefit analysis. So far this is sadly lacking.

Home rule is being denied our communities as a result of The Act as the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) created by The Act, has the authority to overrule local law if found to be "unnecessarily burdensome." Further the ORES is staffed by unelected officials that are not accountable to the public. "Clean Energy" projects must be under local control as it is the local community that bears the scars of those actions.

Capturing Solar and Wind energy are being relied on to arrive at a carbon free future. They are being heavily subsidized to achieve that end. These sources of "clean energy" are highly unreliable as they depend on the weather. Reliable and diversified sources of backup power are therefore needed. Nuclear energy and clean burning natural gas must be in the mix to maintain a reliable source of energy in the future. Research into clean burning coal and carbon capture must be continued.

In summary, a reassessment of our State energy policies must take place immediately as neglecting to do is having a detrimental effect on our communities.


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