

Dear Members of the Climate Action Council:

I'm writing in opposition to the draft scoping plan banning gas powered vehicles presents logistical challenges that have not been answered, makes transportation less reliable and our way of life less secure, and will cost untold amounts of money for New Yorkers already struggling in our economy. New Yorkers in rural communities count on reliable gas-powered transportation every day to get to work and school, perform the duties of their job or small business, visit family members, and even take the occasional vacation. Many families who have already invested in gas-powered vehicles will now be forced to transition to a (no doubt more expensive) zero-emissions vehicle with a new monthly payment in an already difficult economic climate. Small employers are just expected to adapt, yet again, to New York's ever-changing business climate with little to no help or guidance from the State in doing so. These are just a few of issues that have not been resolved.

I believe in New York's shared clean energy future. But I worry regular New Yorkers will not be able to afford such wholesale, radical changes to their everyday lives.

I urge you to reject the Draft Scoping Plan. Let's take more time to get this right.

Sincerely,  
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Resident of Broome County