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## **Climate Action Council**

Doreen Harris, President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

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Re: NYS Plan for carbon neutral by 2050 – Draft Scope Plan (“A Disastrous Plan”)

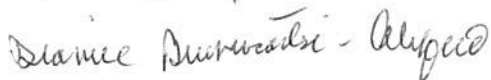
## **Dear Climate Action Council Committee Chair,**

I have recently completed reading the Draft Scope Plan for NYS carbon neutrality and although I applaud the committees' efforts, I find the document lacks credible evidence to support the problem, is fiscally irresponsible in presenting the financial analysis of the costs vs. benefits, and lacks creative thinking for providing replacement energy to support the harsh winter and summer climates particularly for upper NYS. To suggest that electricity, and as a backup hydrogen, will replace the fossil fuels commonly used throughout our society without clear evidence-based statistics as well as the costs, both financial and ecological for mining lithium and other precious resources not found in the U.S., is truly suspicious. The consequence of this plan is obvious to most citizens and will unfairly impact the underserved, middle-class and elderly communities who will likely bare the significant burden of this plan. For these reasons, I cannot support the bill's passage and have written my dissent to NYS governing bodies stating so.

There are many ways in which we as a society can support the reduction of green house gases, this plan is not one of them. As Committee Chair you have a responsibility to be a good steward, there are many ways in which you can do this: help pass bills which eliminates single use plastics, dryer sheets and Styrofoam uses; ban all forms of geo-engineering; eliminate street cart generators and small generators used for party and outdoor events; support bills that restrict land uses to preservation instead. The list goes on and on.

Please reconsider the Draft Scope Plan and instead support emission reductions with an eye toward the underserved, middle-class and elderly communities, and I believe you will come up with a plan that is more equitable and one which I can support.

**Respectfully,**



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