The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act is a disaster for New York and a disaster for all disadvantaged communities. The scoping plan fails to adequately address global availability and global supply chain issues that are now plaguing domestic manufacturing. What is the global availability of components and raw materials needed for wind, solar, electric vehicles and batteries. What are the national security consequences of purchasing these materials from nations who are our enemies or otherwise hostile to America? In addition what are the global impacts resulting from the manufacturing and raw material procurement in countries which do not have responsible environmental protections. Ignoring such environmental concerns for a climate ideology in New York is morally corrupt and hypocrisy at its worst. Let me repeat that just to be clear. The destruction of the environment in far away places to extract components for a climate agenda in New York is wrong.

I fail to see where the scoping plan has properly identified areas of disadvantaged communities given the ongoing economic hardships. Current and future inflation of over 8 percent will most certainly increase the areas defined as disadvantaged communities. Furthermore these inflation rates will necessitate a complete re-evaluation of the cost associated with implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Have any projections or corrections been made to the scoping plan time tables for current and future supply chains shortages both domestic and globally and what are they?

The use of disadvantaged communities to promote the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act is disingenuous at best. If the best interest of disadvantaged communities was a priority then economic prosperity needs to be considered. In New York more than 471,629 [electricity] disconnection notices were sent out by the electric utility in April 2022 for residential customers across New York State because the households are more than 2 months behind in payments. Such prosperity for those disadvantaged communities can be realized by tapping into the clean natural gas reserves in the Marcellus and Utica shale beneath their very feet. What are the current prices for zero emission vehicles? What is the projected costs for zero emission vehicles given 8 percent inflation, supply chain shortages and global demand for critical components? In what alternative universe can people living in disadvantaged communities afford to purchase ZEV’s?

What portion of the grid under the 2030 implementation of electrical appliances and in lieu of natural gas will still be produced by fossil fuels? Does it not seem ironic and wasteful that to produce electricity from fossil fuels (50 percent efficient at best) to send power (not 100 percent efficient) to power electrical appliances which could be operated at near 100 percent efficiency with natural gas? Plentiful Natural gas right here in New York within the Marcellus and Utica shales. New York natural gas extraction would be an economic boom to the state and help disadvantaged communities the most.

Is there currently any excess capacity in our electric grid and generation to supply any additional electrical demand? For example, John Bear—CEO of MISO, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator has stated that the electrical grid in the Midwest is incapable of additional grid demands and warned of potential brown/black outs. Has an independent third party not tied to New York’s climate agenda performed an analysis of the New York grid? What is the stability of the grid in New York?

The scoping plan fails to adequately address the potential massive electrical demand for the mining of crypto currency. The Seneca Lake power generation facility has already allocated a third of their output to crypto mining. What is the actual current New York electric demand for crypto mining? What are the projected yearly electric demands for crypto mining during the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act build out?

The first step in economic prosperity would be to realize the boom natural gas extraction would bring to this state, especially those in disadvantaged communities. Forcing the CLCPA down the throats of hard working New Yorkers will only result in an economic disaster, potential blackouts, unaffordable utilities and people leaving this state in droves.