

To Whom It May Concern,

Like most people, we are concerned about climate change and the environment, but the Climate Action Council proposal is unrealistic, unreasonable and ridiculous. After combing through the 332 page document, we feel New York State will do more damage than good if this proposal is approved.

A few points we'd like to make:

- no new gas appliances after 2030 - really? How many people are going to want to live in NY if they're forced to give up cooking with gas? How many restaurants will go out of business? What landfill is going to contain all the discarded appliances (hot water tanks, stoves, furnaces, clothes dryers, etc)?
- electric cars are more expensive and only worth the cost if you live in a city. They only travel approximately 3 hours on a charge, so if you need to travel further your day trip will turn into an overnight trip costing time and money. The infrastructure is not in place for electric vehicles to be the norm. Rural areas don't even have broadband yet, much less charging stations for electric vehicles.
- vehicle registration fees and mileage base fees? This will only hurt the low and middle income citizens and discourage people from travel.
- the proposal speaks to the retraining of workers that will be displaced from jobs in the natural gas industry. Retrain to do what?
- no natural gas for home heating? Having everyone install a new heating system would be extremely costly to all citizens. Not all homes can be retrofitted with a different system. Heat pumps are very expensive and not efficient in colder climates. If everyone is heating with electricity, the power grid is sure to fail causing widespread outages.
- this proposal will drive people away from New York. There should be energy saving and environmentally friendly options, but having the government force citizens to make these changes is wrong.

If you want to help the environment, go after the plastics industry. Not only do they use fossil fuels in their production, but plastics live forever in our environment. Micro and nanoplastics have been found on every inch of our planet and even in humans! Let's eliminate all water bottles, disposable diapers, body wash bottles, etc. Let's go back to glass milk and juice bottles, bar soap, powdered laundry and dishwasher soaps. Let's encourage people and industries to use less energy no matter what the source and be mindful of their purchases, not eliminate the clean sources of energy we have.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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