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Climate Action Council Draft Scoping Plan  
625 Broadway  
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Sir or Madam:

Recently, it has come to my attention that the council is planning to suggest, to the New York State Legislature, to ban gas appliances and furnaces in new homes as soon as next year. Existing homes owners would only be able to purchase new gas equipment for their homes until the end of the decade. Electric stoves and geothermal heating would be forced upon us after that date.

I do not believe New York State should have to power to dictate to me what kind of energy I use to cook and to heat my home. If the State wishes to encourage these technologies through tax breaks or other incentives, fine. If these technologies are superior, then people will chose them in the marketplace. There is no need to force people via State laws.

The recent phenomenon of governments compelling citizens to certain behaviors is quite disturbing and completely illiberal.

New Yorkers will be like Cubans and their 1950's cars. Technology will improve for gas stoves and furnaces, however the more efficient models will not be available in our State. We'll be forced to continually repair our ancient appliances as the rest of the world passes us by.

I also fail to see how these laws will survive a court challenge. Appliances and furnaces built out of State are either interstate commerce or an international import. These transactions would not be under the State's jurisdiction but the Federal government.

The heavy hand of government is why New York has become such an unattractive place to open a business, work and live. Economic activity is the primary creator of tax revenue. Our diminishing economy is what forces our elected official to continually legalize vices, in the name of new revenue, which destroys people's lives. This open hostility towards gas and other energies will only hasten our decline.

What you are considering is an existential threat to the financial well-being of the State and her citizenry. Please apply reason and understand the importance of energy.

Sincerely,



Joseph Geerkin