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West Seneca, NY 14224  
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ATTN: Draft Scoping Plan Comments  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

To Whom it may concern:

I must voice my objection to the overly ambitious draft scoping plan regarding reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as proposed by the Climate Action Council. While the plan for zero emissions power generation is admirable in theory, it is too much, too soon. In reality, the proposal poses a significant financial burden to the working poor, senior citizens and the middle class, particularly those who reside in the colder climate of Western New York where staggering energy costs already exist. Banning cost effective gas appliances is an unconscionable over-reach in legislation, denying citizens a fundamental right to choose how to cook, warm their homes, dry their clothes and heat their water. Even with the power generated within our own region by Niagara Falls, the cost of electricity is more than 3 times the cost of natural gas.

In addition to the financial hardship the plan places upon the residents of WNY is the safety concern as there is no assurance of reliability of energy delivery on a massive scale to a region where over 90% of energy used is successfully and effectively provided by natural gas.

The draft scoping plan, as written, has far-reaching negative consequences to New York State's taxpaying residents, not the least of which is denial of freedom of choice for energy services. Natural gas system services must not be decommissioned. Natural gas and electricity as energy sources must peacefully co-exist for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Janssen