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June 8, 2022

Commissioner Doreen Harris  
NYSERDA  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear Commissioner Harris:

Enclosed please find a copy of the certified resolution adopted by the Livingston County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

Res. No(s). 2022- 209

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele R. Rees".

Michele R. Rees  
Clerk of the Board

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Livingston County Board of Supervisors  
Geneseo, New York



Resolution No. 2022-209

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**RESOLUTION URGING EXTENDED TIMETABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE COST ANALYSIS OF NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL'S DRAFT SCOPING PLAN FOR NEW YORK'S CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT**

WHEREAS, in 2019, the New York State Legislature enacted New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (the "Climate Act"), the most aggressive decarbonization policy in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Act targets the goal of reaching 'net zero' emissions by 2050, to be phased in through progressively stricter carbon emission reductions including a 40 percent reduction by 2030 and a 85 percent reduction by 2050, while further mandating that by 2040, 100 percent of the electricity used in New York come from renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, prior to and upon passage of the Climate Act, multiple business advocacy organizations as well as energy industry representatives and stakeholders expressed grave concerns about the Act's impact on the State's employers, energy consumers and economy as a whole, which were largely unaddressed in the final law; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Council, a body of 22 appointed individuals charged with creating a blueprint for the Climate Act's emissions targets, released a Draft Scoping Plan on December 20, 2021 that mandates hundreds of different measures affecting all aspects of New Yorkers' daily lives and community activities; and

WHEREAS, January 1, 2022 marked the beginning of a 120-day comment period to receive feedback from the public, via the online public comment form, via email and via U.S. Mail, with the comment period ending June 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, counties, the level of government closest to the people, were afforded no input in this process, including on "The Land Use and Local Government Advisory Group," which did not include any members who currently work in local government; and

WHEREAS, the Act's key prohibitions include bans on new gas service to existing and newly constructed homes and buildings beginning in 2024, a ban on the use of natural gas appliances in 2030, a ban on the replacement of traditional heating systems in existing homes beginning in 2030, and a ban on the sale of gasoline vehicles in 2035; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Scoping Plan lacks a comprehensive and detailed cost analysis of implementing the recommendations, but which is conservatively estimated to be upwards of \$300 billion dollars to be borne by taxpayers and energy ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Act applies only to New York State, which is already a leader in clean energy production, accounting for just 0.4 percent of global carbon emissions, rendering any attainment of 'net zero' emissions meaningless in terms of any impact on our own or the global climate, while burdening New Yorkers with extreme costs; and

WHEREAS, State residents, who are struggling under the pressure of the highest gas prices on record and soaring inflation, deserve an honest and transparent cost-benefit analysis of these recommendations as well as an extended period in which to review and submit comments on proposals that will have far-reaching impacts on our State's economy, affordability and quality of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that the Climate Action Council provide a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of all recommendations in its draft and final scoping plans and accordingly extend its timetable for implementation and public comment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this resolution and directs the Clerk of the Board to submit this document as comment on the Draft Scoping Plan and that copies be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Commissioner and Climate Action Council Co-Chair Basil Seggos; NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Acting President and Climate Action Council Co-Chair Doreen Harris.

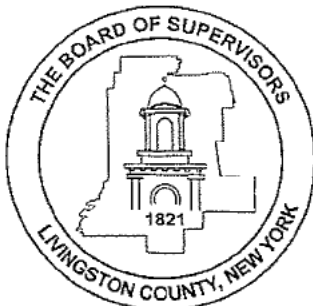
Dated at Geneseo, New York

Livingston County Board of Supervisors  
Geneseo, New York



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June 8, 2022  
Ways and Means Committee



*This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Livingston, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.*

*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Livingston, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele R. Rees".

*Michele R. Rees, Clerk of the Board*