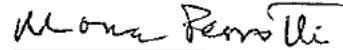


May 22.

Please find attached the full comments that I partially delivered in person at the Draft Scoping Plan Hearing in Syracuse on April 26.

Thank you,

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Comment to the NYS DEC on the CAC Draft Scoping Plan:

I am a member of my local Climate Smart Community Task Force, a retired Registered Nurse, a union member, a mother and grandmother; and the future of young people on this climate-changing planet motivates me every day.

My daughters and my grandchildren have all struggled with asthma, and for over 25 years I was a public-school nurse. I am intimately and professionally aware of the impact that burning fossil fuels has on the respiratory health of children, particularly those from disadvantaged communities. Research has shown that when fossil fuels are removed from the Transportation and other energy-use sectors the public health benefits, in human lives and spending, will be immense. I believe that this sector must be stronger and clearer in the final Plan.

I most strongly urge that you keep focused on these keystone underpinnings of the CLCPA:

- Justice, Public Health, and a Just Transition all must be prioritized by protecting the health and well-being of low income and communities of color, by including strong and detailed labor standards, work force funding, and public health guidelines.
- There can be no false solutions! There is no place for “Green Hydrogen” or “Renewable Natural Gas”, or for waste incineration, biofuels, or unproven technologies. There is only room for renewable, zero-emission technologies that work, like solar and wind, but, large industry coalitions are spending heavily to lobby for these “false solutions”.
- There must be dedicated annual funding for the massive shift to a just and renewable clean energy economy. The CLCPA is an unfunded mandate and the legislature has failed to provide any funding. The Scoping Plan must include provision for annual funding of at least 10-15 billion annually (in line with the NYSERDA and other reports), hopefully using an economy-wide pollution.
- Either Scenario Three or Four must be adopted.
- The CLCPA must be legally enforced so that powerful corporations and others cannot slow-walk or obstruct the mandates at the heart of the law. Further, each sector must have enforceable timelines for emission reductions.

It is essential that the final Scoping plan be done on time, with transparency, with strong provisions for a massive public education effort; and that it will guide New York to fully achieve the goals of the CLCPA.

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