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My name is Kate Ogden, and I am a sustainability manager at Seventh Generation.

For 30 years Seventh Generation has taken great care in the business choices we make to protect people and the planet for this and future generations. We know that the climate crisis is one of the greatest challenges facing our business, our employees, and our business.

We also know that the most marginalized and vulnerable populations, around the world and in New York State, are being hit first and hardest by the impacts of the climate crisis. Ultimately, however, the climate crisis, and the instability it brings threatens everyone, including the business community.

We have committed to accounting for and addressing our own impact on the climate. In 2018 we set Science-Based Targets to bring our business operations in line with Paris targets. Actions we can take as a business, however, are not enough. When we account for the full lifecycle of our products, over 90% of our emissions come from consumers using our products in their homes to wash and dry their clothes and dishes. We cannot change this on our own. Seventh Generation is committed to advocating for systemic solutions to the climate crisis because to live into our values as a sustainable business, committed to a future where everyone can thrive, we need strong and just climate policy, and to be a successful business, we need a consistent regulatory environment.

The Scoping Plan must ensure that the mandates put forth by the Climate Action Council are legally enforceable and include timelines for the reduction of emissions by sector. These mandates, for environmental justice and emission reduction mean nothing if they cannot be or are not consistently enforced.

You cannot live a healthy life on a sick planet, and you cannot have a healthy business on a sick planet. Seventh Generation supports Scenario 3 in the Draft Scoping Plan.

Thank you for your time,

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