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Climate Action Council
New York's Climate Action Council
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233-0001

RE: Public Comments provided on CLCPA from Genesee County, New York

Dear Climate Action Council:

The cost to landowners of New York State to implement CLCPA have not been measured. That cost will be solely borne by taxpayers of New York State. No other state in our region is tackling this high cost climate remediation plan. Placing yet again another high cost to New York State living and driving population to other states. Financial impact of implementation must be measured to assure affordability to the population of New York.

Aggressive electric energy goals are not achievable without a massive infusion of cash, materials and time to fully bolster our electric energy grid in New York State. Weather events of late have proven more capable than our current grid. Significant dollars are necessary to harden and bolster our under sized electric grid to meet the goals of the CLCPA.

The CLCPA was written without input from rural New York State at the table. Our communities are self-reliant, creative and capable to capture alternative energy sources which are not mentioned in the CLCPA. Water sourced power is abundant and a part of the CLCPA solution. Agricultural benefits of carbon capture are not part of the CLCPA, there again is a source of reliable progress left untapped. Recalibrating the timeline and methods to achieve CLCPA is necessary.

Today's electric power grid is considered reliable for now, until more users are added and demand is raised. At this time, we are not poised to provide electric capacity for more users or higher load draws. The timeline must be re-set to allow for testing of the current electric grid capacity and reliability with more users and demand added and the fragility of the electric grid is thoroughly tested.

Our message is clear, take time to cost out the implementation of CLCPA, measure the current electric grid capacity available and measure the cost to bolster the current electric grid to the stated electric goals of the CLCPA. Consider more alternatives of green energy available in rural areas of New York.



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Fulfill your duty to the taxpayers and residents of New York State by thoughtfully considering taking the actions suggesting during this public comment period. We need to retain our population in New York State and not allow aggressive goals of a small author group to determine the future out migration from New York State due to high cost of living. Let us focus on real attainable goals in a step process that are meaningful, yet affordable and desired by the entire population of New York State.

Thank you for reading and taking in our comments.

Sincerely,

Rochelle M. Stein
Chair

cc: Genesee County Legislature
L. Matthew Landers, County Manager
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