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As the third most rapidly warming state in the nation with abundant renewable resources, New Jersey can and must be a global leader in addressing our climate emergency. Instead, I am alarmed by the findings presented in the Integrated Energy Plan (IEP). I demand you take all steps to address these critical structural deficiencies before finalizing the IEP and the Energy Master Plan.

- any modeling scenarios that cut NJ's emissions by 45% before 2030 as recommended by IPCC 2018 report;
- modeling for a goal of carbon-free energy for New Jersey;
- modeling for immediate moratorium on any new fossil fuel infrastructure;
- front loading emission reductions to have the most significant impact on our climate emergency;
- accurately estimating the global warming potential of short-lived yet most damaging climate pollutants like methane and black carbon;
- accounting of the social costs of continued reliance on and use of fossil fuels;
- flexibility to use the best of some plans now and others later;
- meaningful public input;
- consideration of the potential impact of future regulatory and technological changes;
- any mechanisms or recommendations of how to decrease fossil fuel use.

This critical piece of NJ's energy road map is fatally flawed and does not respond adequately to this emergency. Simply put, they contend that the Murphy Administration is not only not on track to meet its 100% clean energy by 2050 goal or its legal mandate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) 80% by 2050, it is not even on track to meet the easier and more urgent 45% cut in GHGs by 2030 the overwhelming scientific consensus is calling for.

We in New Jersey deserve far better, as does the United States and world.

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