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New Jersey can and should be a global leader in addressing our climate emergency. Instead, I am alarmed by the findings presented in the Integrated Energy Plan. I demand you take all steps to address these critical structural deficiencies before finalizing the IEP and EMP. Improvements to the IEP should include:

- * any modeling scenarios that cut NJ's emissions 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 climate pollutants like methane and black carbon
- * counting social costs of continued reliance and use of fossil fuels
- * flexibility to use the best of some plans now and others later
- * valuing meaningful public input
- * consideration of potential impact of future regulatory and technological changes
- * any mechanisms or recommendations of how to decrease fossil fuel use

Super Storm Sandy should have taught us that NJ cannot afford to wait or delay in making urgent changes to avoid climate catastrophe from rising oceans, warming atmosphere, and resultant increasingly dangerous storms and floods. The time is far past when we could view natural gas as a transition from dirty coal to a clean energy future. Burning fossil fuels is folly, and increased investments in fossil fuel infrastructure in the light of the necessity to turn our energy production around to clean, renewable, non-polluting wind, solar and geothermal sources is insanity.

We who live, work and pay taxes in New Jersey expect better from government. You must look seriously at the dangers we face and take necessary, urgent steps to protect us from them. Assenting to the moneyed interests betrays the public trust.

Please give this matter your urgent attention.

Thank you,

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