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To: comments, EMP

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Governor Murphy,

My name is Ananya Singh and I live in Mt. Olive, New Jersey. I would like to express my concern regards to the Draft 2019 Energy Master Plan.

I am 16 years old, and the climate crisis is a constant source of fear for me and my generation. According to the UN Climate Report, we only have 11 years to take mass, transformative action and cut our emissions by half, if we want to prevent the worst destruction. You must act with this urgency and place my generation's future above the profits of fossil fuel industries.

The plan in its current form fails to address the urgency of the climate crisis and the goals set forth are not adequate enough to deal with the problems. NJ is already experiencing climate change from Super Storm Sandy to the recent heat waves of July, which was the hottest ever recorded month on the planet as well as incredibly high asthma rates in the state due to high concentration of pollution caused by the burning of fossil fuels. We need to address all of these issues with a bold plan that sets achievable, but ambitious goals with a clear and strict timeline to implement each and every one of the goals set forth.

To be able to do that, we **need** an immediate moratorium on all fossil fuel projects in NJ. No more dirty pipelines, polluting power plants and compressor stations. Green lighting any of these projects this time and day with all the scientific data we have that proves the harmful effects of continuing to burn fossil fuels are unacceptable.

100% carbon neutral energy by 2050 is not good enough!!! We desperately need 100% net-zero, clean renewable energy by 2050 or sooner. Anything else will fail to combat the threat we are facing.

Please Mr. Governor, do the right thing and be the environmental leader that we need right now and the one you promised to be during your election campaign. Please end the era of corrupt, dirty fossil fuel lobbying in the Garden State and create a clean and just New Jersey so the next generations can thrive here. Please stand with young people like me, and not big corporations.

Thank you for your time!

All the best, Ananya Singh

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