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## NJ Energy Master Plan

We must put a moratorium on all fossil fuel projects and treat the climate catastrophe as the emergency it is! If we don't take immediate action as we do a war and we ignore this current crisis, we do so at all humanities peril, not just our own. The threats are real and have already impacted our state!

Additionally, by starting new green industries, we empower more good paying jobs for a better labor base (not the temporary ones that fossil fuel infrastructures make).

We must have defined goals now, or the fate of our children and all life that exists on this beautiful planet, is in danger. To continue business as usual, is to allow the destruction of Earth and essentially make it unlivable.

On the drive to Ventnor City we passed through flooded streets this past Labor Day. The water was past our wheel wells! Increasing water levels will threaten Jersey shore business as well as impact the livelihood of many of the residents that depend on shore tourism as well as the endangered ecosystems that surround ocean, waterways, and the pine land areas.

Fossil fuel companies are not being regulated since there is a revolving door from the corporate entities to the regulatory ones and greed drives the need for more extraction at rate payers and public loss. This includes the extremely dirty extraction of unnatural gas ("fracking" extraction causes destruction of the water tables and exudes methane which is another pollutant driving climate destruction).

It is critical to our very survival that we treat this as a crisis and deal with it immediately as if our lives depend on it, because it does!

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