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I will be at the August 8th meeting for public comments at Seton Hall Law School Auditorium from 1 to 4pm . Some of my colleagues will be speaking . I would prefer to speak via this email .

The draft is just that, a draft. No plans for schuduling timed goals to be met annually or anything. So it is not a plan . We need regulations stated and goals to be met st a certain time table and regulations to move us forward . Too vague on this important point . You define carbon neutrality. This means carbon will continue to be released , so a lot of dirty fuels still. That is not clean energy. Clean energy means wind, solar, energy efficiency, hydro and geothermal. Your plan only says 50% renewables by 2030. That means 50% of our energy can come from dirty carbon neutral sources like natural gas and nuclear. Still giving nuclear subsidies, money that could be used to advance clean renewables and new jobs in the field. You obviously do not want to offend natural gas companies and their cronies. Natural gas usage is not a bridge to clean energy but a highway to climate catastrophe as a colleague put it. There is no moratorium on fossil fuel projects like pipelines and power plants. There are still 8 proposed pipelines and 5 proposed power plants in the works! No mention of stopping needless building of fossil fuel infrastructure that won't be needed in the near future. No restriction on them if selling to another state etc. You do not address the global impact if methane which is much more potent than CO2 as a green house gas. Silent on plans for labor to buy into these plans and to ensure for thousands of new high quality jobs in the new green economy. Nor do you encourage labor to organize for their rights in labor unions. This draft or plan is inadequate in substance and definitive goals and time table planning to address this climate crisis which is an emergency. Yes, call this what it is, a terrible emergency of far reaching proportions. Nothing else will matter much, our laws, our legislation, our economy etc. if we don't have a planet that can not only survive, but thrive. You and we all need to go forward at a much more aggressive and rapid pace to counter global warming and climate change and stop thinking we have time . We do not !! Carol Folan Wayne, NJ Sent from my iPhone