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Governor Murphy,

My name is Ella McDonald and I'm a 20 year-old voter in New Jersey. I am writing to you today because as a young person, I am terrified for my future. I am urging you, begging you to include a moratorium on all new fossil fuel projects in your new Energy Plan.

As a 20 year-old, I should be focusing on my college coursework, preparing for a future and for entering the workforce after college. I should be sitting in this coffee shop in Cambridge, MA to do my criminology readings, but instead am putting off my coursework to write this email. This is not a choice-- it is a necessity.

For young people today, the existential threat to our world posed by climate change is impossible to ignore. The IPCC has given us 11 years to cut global carbon emissions in half if we are to avoid the most dire and irreversible consequences of climate change. **By the time I am old enough to run for Governor, or for Congress, it will be too late.** I am asking you to do your civic duty, to fight for your young constituents by ensuring that any new fossil fuel projects in New Jersey have an end date. I am asking for you to use your power to fight for my future before it is too late. Governor Murphy, I am asking you to be brave, because my prosperity as an adult, my access to clean water and clean air, depends on you taking action today.

Thank you,
Ella McDonald