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## **THE NJ EMP 9/12/2019**

**I AM NOT HERE TO SPEAK OF THE NJ ENERGY MASTER PLAN ALONE, BUT AS PART OF THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS WE ARE ALL FACING. SCIENTISTS SAY WE HAVE EITHER PASSED THE TIPPING POINT OR MAY HAVE 10 TO 12 YRS TO GO.**

**OUR MILITARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 WAS ALMOST 700 BILLION DOLLARS. OUR MILITARY ITSELF STATES THAT IT IS CLIMATE CHANGE THAT POSES THE GREATEST NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT TO OUR COUNTRY. YET NOTHING LIKE 700 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IS BEING USED TO ADDRESS OUR GREATEST SECURITY THREAT, AND NO NUMBER OF BOMBS AND TANKS WILL SUFFICE TO "FIGHT" THIS THREAT.**

**OUT OF 100% OF NJ ENERGY SOURCES ONLY 1.8% ARE COMING FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES. HOW MUCH OF OUR ENERGY SOURCES CAN WE EXPECT TO BE REPLACED BY RENEWABLES? FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 12 NEW PROPOSED FOSSIL FUEL PROJECTS PLANNED IN OUR STATE. WILL ANY OF THESE PROPOSED PROJECTS BE STOPPED?**

**I CAN SEE & FEEL THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ALL AROUND ME. THERE ARE NO MORE DEBATES ABOUT THE ARTIC ICE MELTING, RECORD HEAT WAVES, RAINFALLS, FLOODING, DROUGHTS, ETC. THIS IS OUR REALITY. DENIAL CAN BE A PROTECTIVE MEASURE. IN THIS CASE IT WILL KILL YOU. HOWEVER YOU HAVE BEEN IMPACTED, OUR NEED TO SURVIVE WILL REMAIN, BUT WE MUST COMMIT TO IT HERE AND NOW. THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE OR TIME**