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Dear Energy Master Plan team,

As a lifelong citizen of New Jersey, a concerned father whose daughter is about to turn two, and an educator of young people who fear for their future, I need to see my state offering more immediate initiatives to mitigate our role in the worsening climate crisis. I have reviewed the recent presentation on the Integrated Energy plan, and although there are things to be admired in the ongoing work the energy master plan, like the inclusion of a moratorium on new fossil fuel projects in the modeling, many of the meaningful initiatives are not set to take place for another 20+ years. Scientists worldwide are in agreement that drastic reductions need to be made in the next decade, as stressed in the clarion call from the IPCC report published over a year ago now. We are losing critical time. We need to model scenarios that don't just look at 2050, but that cut New Jersey's emissions 45% by 2030, in line with the scientists' findings in the IPCC report. Every new study on climate change shows that things are getting worse faster than expected, and we cannot sit back and plan for drastic reductions 30 years in the future, when it will be too late to avert much damage.

We also need to look at what would be most effective in reducing emissions rapidly, rather than making cost the determining factor. Opting for a least-cost model may make sense to economists thinking in the short term, but if it ends up contributing to the worsening climate crisis, which will cause widespread damage in New Jersey and elsewhere, what are we gaining?

Thank you,

Sean Hickey