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As the third most rapidly warming state in the nation with abundant renewable resources, New Jersey can and must be a global leader in addressing our climate emergency. Instead, I am alarmed and disappointed by the findings presented in the Integrated Energy Plan (IEP). I ask that you take all essential steps to address these critical structural deficiencies before finalizing the IEP and the Energy Master Plan.

- any modeling scenarios that cut NJ's emissions by 45% before 2030 as recommended by IPCC 2018 report;
- modeling for a goal of carbon-free energy for New Jersey;
- modeling for immediate moratorium on any new fossil fuel infrastructure;
- front loading emission reductions to have the most significant impact on our climate emergency;
- accurately estimating the global warming potential of short-lived yet most damaging climate pollutants like methane and black carbon;
- accounting of the social costs of continued reliance on and use of fossil fuels;
- flexibility to use the best of some plans now and others later;
- meaningful public input;
- consideration of the potential impact of future regulatory and technological changes;
- any mechanisms or recommendations of how to decrease fossil fuel use.

Sincerely,

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