

Indivisible Monroe Twp NJ  
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We, the members of Indivisible Monroe Township, support Governor Murphy's and the legislature's efforts to address the impacts of climate change and pollution in our state, as evidenced in various sections of the draft Energy Master Plan.

We support shifting from natural gas and other fossil fuels, the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions (particularly in the transportation and building sectors) to sustainable energy systems.

We applaud the ambitious goals to go green within 3 decades, although climate science gives us one decade, 10 years only, and we support urgent efforts to achieve this target. It is imperative for the welfare of New Jersey residents, our children, and our commercial future that we do so - Now.

We join many others in the State in their concern that unless assertive and specific actions are taken against fossil fuel development we will not effectively impact pollution and greenhouse levels. We urge investing our resources, science, and efforts in incentivizing carbon-free sustainable energy initiatives, like solar and offshore wind, as well as conserving energy use.

We are also concerned about potential barriers to achieving this goal, such as past accommodations made to Chermours -Dupont, and PSEG supplemental funding. We opposed these accommodations as being counter to green energy development and urge more robust

legislative and public review of energy infrastructure plans.

Towards a mutual goal, making NJ green, we request:

- 1) A statewide moratorium on new fossil fuel infrastructure - pipelines, compressor stations and power plants;
- 2) No carbon tax trading or offsets. The goal here is to limit greenhouse gases and carbon use - not to establish a side business for energy companies that does not result in energy efficiency nor decreased carbon output;
- 3) A roadmap to a sustainable energy network, with attention to transitioning phases, economic and geographic challenges;
- 4) Education of the public about the costs – benefits of the plan including the entities and finances involved.
- 5) Strengthening DEP funding and oversight authority.

Thank you for working with us to end our reliance on fossil fuels, and grow a clean and sustainable energy infrastructure.

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