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Mr. Basil Seggos, Commissioner New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Co-Chair, Climate Action Council 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

Ms. Doreen Harris, President and CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Co-Chair, Climate Action Council 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203

Dear Commissioner Seggos, President Harris and Climate Action Council Members:

We would like to take the opportunity to express our concerns regarding the lack of an in-person public hearing being held in the Rochester region in regard to the draft scoping plan.

As there are in-person public hearings scheduled in Buffalo and Syracuse, why was the Rochester area left out? Monroe County and its surrounding counties are a major metropolitan region and our constituents deserve the right to speak freely face-to-face about their opinions regarding the implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and the Climate Action Council's (CAC) draft scoping plan.

We've heard from many constituents in our districts and across the state who have expressed their concerns and have asked what they can do to share their input on the proposal. We simply cannot leave their voices out. They have every right to speak their mind and ask important questions.

The CAC plan makes tremendous changes to the lives of everyday New Yorkers and its critically important everyone's voice is heard at an in-person hearing, regardless of where they reside in the state. We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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