NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

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Hon. Kathy Hochul
Governor, State of New York
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12248

Doreen Harris
President and CEO, NYSERDA
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Governor Hochul and President Harris:

While we appreciate the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) holding public hearings regarding the state's draft energy plan, we are concerned that there are no hearings scheduled for Central New York, the North Country, the Mohawk Valley or the Southern Tier. Because the energy plan will have far-reaching impacts across New York regarding consumer choice, reliability, feasibility, and affordability, it is critical that the residents and businesses of these regions are provided the opportunity to express their views at an in-person forum.

Please keep in mind Central New York is the future home of Micron and is the center of our state's nuclear fleet. Chobani plans to build a large plant in Rome, of the Mohawk Valley. The North Country is home to Fort Drum and Alcoa in Massena, while the Southern Tier is home to Corning Inc. and Lockheed Martin in Owego. As such, we urge you to schedule public hearings in each of these areas.

In addition, we request that the public comment period be extended an additional 90 days, until January 4, 2026. When dealing with an issue that will impact every person and business in the state, it is imperative that the most thorough and careful review and comment period process take place, so all New Yorkers have an opportunity to make their voices heard. We can all agree that New Yorkers deserve to have a seat at the table in this process and feel strongly that a 90-day extension of the public comment period will help achieve this in the most effective way possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. We appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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