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To Whom it May Concern,

It is critically important to me that the RGGI Operating Plan be fully aligned with the equity requirements of New York State's climate law—The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act—and that the funds fulfill their purpose and are not directed elsewhere.

RGGI funds will be an important part of expanding good green jobs in New York and lowering energy bills during this uniquely difficult time in the state's history. Disadvantaged communities are being hit hardest by the pandemic and climate impacts and need lasting relief. New York State will need to continue leading the nation by example by not only ensuring these funds are going toward their intended purposes but that they are also being spent in the communities that need investment most. The benefits of spending money in disadvantaged communities is a much higher commitment than the concept of the benefits being "realized" in disadvantaged communities as articulated in the draft plan.

Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration.

Be well,

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