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Re: Support for a moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure projects

Dear Governor Murphy:

I am writing as a member or friend of the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County who had been inspired by your promise of a green energy future in your gubernatorial campaign. As we know, in October the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warned us that we have only 12 years to limit climate catastrophe. Vulnerable communities will be disproportionately affected through food insecurity, income loss, health impacts, displacement, and increased conflict. The benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions will be improved water and air quality, public health, and ecosystem stability for the planet.

I am therefore greatly encouraged to learn that the NJ Board of Public Utilities is now reviewing bids to build the first phase of a massive offshore wind farm that will generate 1,100 megawatts of electric power within six years. I understand that these turbines will be placed 15 miles from shore, outside of the flyway, to minimize disruption to birds.

Shifting toward green energy will not only achieve environmental benefits from cleaner energy sources, but will also spur job growth by creating a green economy. The prospect of many new green jobs should reassure labor union members who depend on dirty technologies as a source of income.

In contrast, the 13 fossil fuel pipeline and power plant proposals in New Jersey would increase use of natural gas, with more long-term emission of carbon dioxide and methane, making us part of the problem and not part of the solution. We can have that or we can advance a 100-percent renewable energy future. But we can't have both.

You have the constitutional authority to order a moratorium on the development of the gas pipeline and power plant projects threatening to dramatically and irreversibly increase greenhouse gas emissions from New Jersey and our region. Please exercise that authority and stop all new fossil fuel projects in the state now.

I, and ultimately the whole world, will thank you if you live up to your campaign promise.

Yours very truly,

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