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On behalf of Farm Sanctuary and our more than 31,000 members and supporters throughout the state, I commend the State Energy Planning Board for moving New York toward a more sustainable energy economy. However, we are disappointed that the current plan completely overlooks one significant source of GHG emissions: animal agriculture. According to the United Nations, farm animals account for 18 percent of GHG emissions, thus contributing more to

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climate change than all forms of transportation combined. In fact, animal agriculture generates an estimated 37 percent of anthropogenic methane, mostly from enteric fermentation by ruminants, and 65 percent of anthropogenic nitrous oxide, mostly from manure. As one of the nation's top dairy producing states, it is essential that we take our animal industry into account as well as our automobiles and power plants. If we do not, whatever solutions we devise to lessen our energy footprint will be incomplete. Emissions from large farms should be monitored and regulated, and efforts should be made to reduce their impact. Thank you.