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## Energy Planning Board,

I think it is important for us to face the future with realism and an open mind. The reality is that fossil fuels are dwindling fast and will not be available to us at the rate at which we use them. To face the future we must look to alternative ways to power our country.

Alternative energy sources need to be environmentally safe as well as diverse in order to meet the demands of the future. I live on Long Island, New York and have a few suggestions on how we can help ourselves. Since we are an island I would suggest that we need to harness wind energy. What better place to harness wind energy than on both the south and north shores of Long Island. I know that there are some affluent people who would fight this sighting it as an eye sore. The reality is that the wind mill devices would be placed far enough out in the water that they would be barely visible. I have seen them in many places and do not consider them an eye sore at all. This is also one of those times when the needs of the many out weigh the desires of the few.

Solar energy is equally important and readily available. There are few days that the sun does not shine, so lets take full advantage of when it does. Exploiting what the earth naturally has to offer is our way out. We have the technology, now we have to use it.

Help us by leading the way to a brighter, self reliant and safer future for our children. Please keep me informed as to your position and how I can help.

Thank You,

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