To the Attention of Governor Patterson, the Energy Planning Board, and Mr. Richard Kessel,

With the beginning of a new governmental administration, coming from a working middle class income family of four, I expect some substantial changes. With the ever-changing economy, it would be comforting to know that we "everyday New Yorkers" do not have to take on another job to pay for our energy bills or spend the winter months cold. It is imperative that we find a plan to stabilize energy costs while creating new jobs. I am also very interested in seeing how the new administration increases our energy independence by investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy. It is time that New York takes advantage of the fact that there ARE cleaner and cheaper alternatives besides coal and nuclear energy. I hope on behalf of my family and I that you can keep my wishes at heart while planning your strategies and course of action during your Governmental term. I hope that you can understand how financially crippling the current energy status is for myself as well as SO many other New Yorkers. Above all, I hope you have a warm and joyous and prosperous holiday season. Please respond to this letter in writing with your current position for my own record and understanding.

Thank you for your time,

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