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Comment: To The State Energy Board, Thank you for convening this important process. I am writing to let you know that, as a New York State resident, I want an energy plan that incorporates the use of solar photovoltaics and solar thermal equipment. New York can no longer afford to implement renewable energy in baby steps. We need to take mature leaps to fix our economy, environment and broken power production system. Many advocates are calling for 2,000 MW of solar by 2020. This is a new energy plan worthy of our great state. A well-designed 2,000 MW solar program can be implemented for as little as \$0.82 in residential rate payer impacts a month and deliver more than \$10 billion dollars in economic output. As a New Yorker I strongly support this investment and urge you to incorporate a comprehensive solar program, of at least 2,000 MW by 2020, as part of your State Energy Plan.