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Comment: I truly appreciate the opportunity to share my concerns with the Planning Board. My primary concerns are protecting New York's environment, protecting the health of our population, promoting clean renewable energy sources, and not wasting taxpayer dollars on huge new expensive nuclear plants. The new energy plan definitely must not support new dirty coal plants. I am deeply concerned about the proposed drilling in Marcellus Shale for natural gas. A much more rigorous environmental review should be conducted to elucidate the possible harm to the environment and to public health. Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely, Barbara Aaron

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Comment: To The State Energy Board, I am writing to let you know that, as a long-time 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 gradually. We need to take bold steps to fix our economy, the environment, and our 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.