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Hello Cape Cod Commission members,

My name is Lindsay Crouch and I am a resident of Barnstable (I live in Hyannis). I am writing to tell you my thoughts on the draft Regional Policy Plan. Cape Cod is uniquely situated to be adversely affected by climate change and it is extremely important that we respond to this crisis to preserve our coastlines, our natural resources and our homes. I see that the RPP includes ways to adapt to the effects of climate change, like development guidelines to protect sensitive habitats and ecosystems, but I am concerned that not enough consideration is being taken for ways to combat climate change itself. Without reducing the amount of carbon being released into the atmosphere, there is no way we can slow the effects we are seeing with increased severity of storms, global temperatures increasing and sea level rise. In order to ensure that Cape Cod, the country, and the planet are preserved for future generations, we must do more than just adapt to the changes; we must do everything in our power to stop them. This means that on every level--town, county, state and federal--we need to be taking concrete steps immediately to reduce our carbon emissions. This could include changing public transportation to electric vehicles, increasing opportunities for rooftop solar on homes, and supporting projects like Vineyard Wind, just to name a few. I hope you will keep these comments in mind when reviewing this draft of the RPP so that as a community we have concrete goals set out for how we can reduce our carbon footprint and slow the effects of climate change instead of just resigning ourselves to adapting to the effects.

Thank you for your time,

Lindsay Crouch