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Thank you for all the work that went into the draft RPP. The work and effort involved is enormous.

However the area of climate mitigation is not adequately addressed. The problem is how do we reduce our green house gas emissions. At the Net Zero conference, sponsored by the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative, Max Holmes, a senior scientist from Woods Hole Research Center, stated the importance of knowing the Cape's carbon emissions so we can get a grasp of where and how we can reduce it. We are running out of time. The UN Report on Climate Change states we only have 10 to 12 years to make huge strides. Agencies, businesses and individuals need to think outside the box in addressing this problem. Only with planning, sound policies and leadership will we be able to assume responsibility and drastically reduce our emissions.

My hope is the Cape Cod Commission will work with the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative and use local expertise and knowledge. I hear over and over we have the knowledge now we just need the will.

Below are some important articles addressing the UN Report on Climate Change and the work we must do.

[Associated Press](#)

[BBC News](#)

[The New York Times](#)

Sincerely,  
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