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Technical Bulletins to the Draft Cape Cod RPP
PO Box 226
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide comments on the draft Technical Bulletins for the 14 corresponding goals of the 2018 Draft Regional Policy Plan as well as some comments about the Policy Plan itself.

I very much appreciate and commend the hard work and professionalism evident in the Bulletins and Plan. While I understand the broad scope of the Commission's mandate and the need to balance many issues affecting Cape Cod, I believe that much more aggressive actions are required concerning the impact of climate change. Certainly, you have addressed climate change to some extent. However, climate change is the most grave threat our species has ever faced. We have very little time to make massive and unprecedented changes and investments in responding to this threat. Therefore, I urge you to change your approach.

You have accurately identified a number of key challenges facing Cape Cod. I believe that rather than list climate change as one of eight key challenges, I submit that climate change should be the single overarching challenge. The Cape Cod Commission has an opportunity to lead. All of the other key challenges identified are subsidiary to that of climate change. That is, if climate change on the Cape is addressed with courage and strength, these other challenges will all be addressed as well.

While the policy and financial needs are immense, I implore you to focus on the following action categories:

- Local renewable energy production
- Energy Efficiency measures
- Energy Conservation measures
- Climate Change impact mitigation

If you look at these four categories carefully, I think you will see that they can support and guide attention to Development, Water Quality, Excess Nitrogen, Sea Level rise, historic resources, affordable housing, infrastructure, and long-term economic stability.

Again, I urge you to consider this change in approach. If you would like to discuss this further or if I can be of assistance in any way, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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