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The following comments are for the 2024 NJ Energy Master Plan (EMP). The EMP is an important opportunity to accelerate progress on decarbonization and clean energy. 100% clean electricity by 2035 – NJ's existing goal - means cleaner air and improved public health, creation of good local union jobs, energy independence, and bold action on climate change. Decarbonization should emphasize three key sectors: transportation, buildings, and energy generation.

Buildings

- Increase financial incentives and work force training for energy efficient heat pumps and their installation.
- Expand incentives to improve the energy efficiency of older homes, which tends to be less energy efficient.

100% clean electricity by 2035

- Clean energy investments should emphasize wind, solar, and storage technologies.
- In the area of offshore wind, New Jersey has an opportunity to emerge as the east coast leader in offshore wind energy production and jobs. More independent research is needed to assure the public that offshore wind power and marine life can not only coexist together but thrive together.
- Community solar allows renters and low-income residents to access clean energy while reducing their energy burdens. Expand incentives for community solar in the 2024 EMP.

Transportation

- More research and public engagement are urgently needed to successfully revolutionize this sector. A significant percentage of voters do not trust EV technologies currently.