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Chester County Planning Commission
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I am writing today in support of Chester County's Climate Action Plan. As minority chair of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, I am committed to ensuring that Pennsylvania's air, land, water, and natural resources are preserved and protected. We are well aware of the growing threat of the climate crisis and the urgent need to take timely and appropriate action. The Chester County Climate Action Plan is the type of vision and planning we need from communities across the state to help combat the climate crisis.

The action plan addresses the main causes of environmental and climate change impacts from buildings and energy, transportation, land use, waste management, and agriculture. Through these findings, we should look closer at opportunities for energy efficiency measures, transitioning to renewable electricity, optimizing and electrifying the county fleet vehicles, installing electric vehicle charging stations at county facilities, implementing LEED standards for new county construction, supporting transit-oriented development, reducing waste-related greenhouse gas emissions, continuing to manage and preserve our open spaces, and much more.

Prioritizing these climate goals is not only important for the sustainability of our planet, but also for our economy, job creation, social equity, public health, and cost savings. Many of our climate initiatives are focused on goals that are a decade away or more, but there are tremendous benefits to begin acting now. Furthermore, polls show that about 70 percent of Pennsylvanians want their lawmakers to do more to address climate change. Our citizens demand these actions.

Again, I support the goals of Chester County's Climate Action Plan and call on federal, state, and local officials to work together to make it a reality. It is our duty to uphold the constitutional right of all Pennsylvanians to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn T. Comitta".

Carolyn Comitta
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