

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee,

Our state has been a recognized national leader on policy to address climate change. Every state needs to commit to clear and ambitious goals and provide the funding, infrastructure, incentives, and accountability to meet those goals. I'm concerned about rolling back our commitments, which will only exacerbate the impact of climate change.

I'm writing to comment on 3 sections of the proposed Fiscal 2027 Budget.

**I am writing in opposition to Sections 3 and 8 in Article 11** of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. These budget sections would cut the critical investments in energy efficiency and clean energy and inhibit our progress toward our climate mandates. There must be other ways to meet our budget constraints without these harmful reductions.

**I am also writing in support of Article 3 Section 16** of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Benchmarking and building performance standards are a proven way to help buildings owners and managers track and report their energy usage and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

There are always pressing near-term budget needs that threaten to shortchange critical long-term imperatives – please keep the focus on the climate change goals and actions that are critical to our future.

Thank you.

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