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Director Meredith Hatfield
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Dear Members of the Energy Advisory Council,

I attended one of the meetings to hear about the state's energy strategy and appreciate your taking the time to get feedback from us and to put the work into energy planning for NH. We are at a critical junction in peak oil, climate change, and economic crises that requires us to think ahead more than a few years if we have a chance of reversing or stabilizing the situation at all.

I urge you to set goals to reduce the export of our energy dollars to less than 50% by 2023 keeping as much of our production and use as local as possible. We need to encourage and ramp up energy efficiency and conservation as the first step reducing overall use.

The second step is to help home and business owners to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy. Financing options and incentives are still needed to help the majority of people who would like to start replacing their fossil fuels.

Alternative fuels for vehicles should be encouraged -- perhaps incentives for electric charge stations and/or hydrogen fuel vehicles. Car-pooling programs and public transportation will also need support and help with infrastructure.

Thank you for your time,
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