

Subject: Health and Climate Change - Economic Burden, Benefit & Strategy

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To: DEEP Climate Change

Dear Honorable members of the Governor's Council on Climate Change and DEEP Staff,

I thank you for your hard work and diligence since the Fall of 2015 to map strategies by modeling and deep discussion to reach our reduction target by 2050.

It is such a difficult process to agree on a target emission reduction scenario (>35%, >45%, >55%) and strategies.

A critical piece is missing from your council table, REMI modeling and discussions: our human health.

By not including the economic burden in health costs and well-being of people, are we underestimating the costs and benefits of climate mitigation and adaptation?

I recommend that the Council examines the 2017 Lancet Report on Health & Climate Change published last October 30. This awareness and work are still in its early development, but it cannot be dismissed. <http://www.thelancet.com/climate-and-health>.

The Council should have public health and medical experts contributing to your planning.

To map policies until 2050 without consideration of human health would be our misjudgment.

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