**2021-Dec 2 Georgian Court**

Corey Katz (He/Him/His) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

 Topic: GEN199-Climate-activism-12-2-21

Time: Dec 2, 2021 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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<https://georgian.zoom.us/j/91279172279?pwd=Q0VaZ05wTi9QWUk2WnVlbS8xc0k5Zz09>

 Meeting ID: 912 7917 2279

Passcode: COP26

**PRIOR TO CLASS:   
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**layer these 4 windows (IN ORDER!) on screen 2:**

**Launch this** [**https://secure.ucsusa.org/a/2021-urge-senate-pass-build-back-better-act**](https://secure.ucsusa.org/a/2021-urge-senate-pass-build-back-better-act) **(use Firefox, and move to Monitor 2**

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**Launch a SECOND appearance word document:** E:\websites\climate\talks\2021-12-2-georgian-court-univ\GeorgianCourt-Action-Letter.docx  
MOVE to MONITOR 2; adjust to full screen   
**LAUNCH GRAPHIC: : doubleclick the GHG pie chart:   
E:\websites\climate\50x30\graphics\NJ-GHG-2018.jpg  
Move image to monitor2. Expand to full screen**

Create a 2nd appearance of Firefox WINDOW I RIGHT MONITOR 2

**CTRL-CLICK** <https://youtu.be/21YMREeZd2w>

ENLARGE FULL SCREEN (click Box in lower right corner

Play this file several times. Try to get a full local buffer.

Immediately drag red dot time – so 0:00 time is displayed

ENSURE VIDEO IS NOT PLAYING! (MAKE SURE!!)

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**START ZOOM MEETING**

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click right arrow Corey Katz

**[PAT SPEAKS] We are Pat and Steve Miller, retired former Bell Labs engineers.**

**STEVE- WHILE PAT SPEAKS:   
CLICK “Share Screen”**

**CLICK “Screen 2” -**

**Check the little left bottom box: “Share Sound”**

**THEN DO NOTHING UNTIL PAT STOPS SPEAKING**

**We are now full-time environmental activist volunteers with a mission of saving the world from climate change for our children, grandchildren and future generations. We are members or supporters of several environmental organizations, most of which are now focused on the fight against climate change, which is the biggest threat of our time. Some of those organizations with local NJ chapters are Sierra Club, Climate Reality Project, Food and Water Watch, Clean Water Action, Sustainable Jersey, and EmPower NJ, which is a coalition of over 100 environmental groups in NJ fighting for a complete moratorium on any new fossil fuel construction (such as pipelines, or electricity generating plants.)**

**All these organizations promote climate activism. Forms it can take are demonstrations and marches, calls or letters to government officials, speaking out at public hearings on pending legislation or projects, or, of course, donating money or time.**

**This past June, we were asked to speak to the local Sierra Club groups on our volunteer activities. We thought that talk was exactly what we wanted to say to you, so first we are going to show that 13-minute video recording. Then we will bring you up to date on what we have been doing for the last several months and the progress we have made.**

**STEVE: CLICK “SHARE” lower right of the screen select window)**

**CLICK RIGHT ARROW TO START VIDEO PLAY**

**2021 Sierra Club Volunteers (June) video** <https://youtu.be/21YMREeZd2w>

**[Pat] Hello, we are Pat and Steve Miller from Middletown. Steve is the Climate Chair of the Sierra Club Shore Group. Pat is a member of the Middletown Green Team. During Earth Week …**

**LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE VIDEO \_ I DON’T SPEAK- ” I hope we have given you some ideas of the work that turns us on. We invite you to join our newest step forward. We created a “50 x 30” team – stands for 50% GHG reduction by 2030. Join us to learn how to encourage YOURSELF, YOUR NEIGHBORS, and YOUR TOWN to cut GHG emissions by 50% by 2030. Just enter your name, email, and city in CHAT. As Pat said, you don’t have to do it all, but whatever you choose, it is important and valuable work. IN FACT, the future of the world’s grandchildren and beyond depend upon YOU.**

**STEVE: immediately after “thank you Pat”**

**THEN IMMEDIATELY “STOP SHARE” on monitor 1 IMMEDIATELY click (on monitor 2): then “ESC” KEY  
Then close window! (LEAVE THE PIE CHART FOR LATER)  
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**[STEVE IMMEDIATELY SPEAKS] THANK YOU PAT! I am Steve Miller, Pat’s partner. The future of the world’s children, and in fact all living things, depends not only on YOU, but on all of us working together. What we are now facing is a climate crisis that cannot be put off any longer. That is why we founded the 50x30 Team THIS SUMMER.**

**When we created the 50x30 team, we originally thought the focus would be on what a town (any town in NJ) would need to do to cut GHG emissions 50% by 2030, and eventually 100% by 2050. We soon learned that it’s going to take action at every level from individual through town, state, federal and global to make that happen. We started with a small group of people**

**SHARE SCREEN Monitor 2: (to show NJ GHG PIE CHART)**

**We looked at NJ largest sources of NJ GHG emissions: Our fundamental data show the 3 levers: vehicle electrification, clean electricity generation, and building heat electrification. THESE 3 levers are about 80% of total NJ GHG Emissions.**

**STOP SHARE**

**We first met via Zoom with the NJ Governor’s Energy and Environment Policy Advisor, and also with the Executive Director of Sustainable Jersey (which provides guidance to Green Teams, present in most NJ towns), and presented our ideas and sought their advice on how to approach the governor. We then wrote the governor and detailed our recommendations. Our letter pointed out that the EmPower NJ coalition (more than 100 environmental organizations, including our own) had filed a legal petition asking the NJ Dept Environmental Protection to adopt the 50% emissions reduction goal by 2030, and we agreed with that. It took several months for these efforts to bear fruit, but on Nov 10, Gov Murphy held a press conference and signed an Executive Order that NJ will have a goal of 50% emissions reduction by 2030 – EXACTLY WHAT WE ASKED FOR! He said that we are not changing direction, but simply ACCELERATING EVERYTHING.**

**At the same time, Congress was working on the Infrastructure and Build Back Better bills, which we hope will pass the Senate, and provide strong climate legislation and funding for states (and towns) to follow through on climate action. We first focused on an earlier climate bill sponsored by U.S. Representative Frank Pallone’s Energy and Commerce Committee That earlier bill ended up as the core Climate provisions of the Build Back Better Act. We wrote Congressman Frank Pallone and subsequently met via Zoom with his staff to advocate for strong climate provisions in Pallone’s bill. The resultant Build Back Better Act passed by the House, and is now debated in the U.S. Senate. Several of us also met separately with Senator Cory Booker and Senator Bob Menendez staff to advocate other provisions of the bills.**

**Also in Parallel, we sponsored watch parties for relevant films, like “The Sacrifice Zone” about pollution in Newark’s Ironbound section, and “The Condor and the Eagle” about fossil fuel pollution in 4 different Indigenous lands in North and South America.**

**Pat and I gave slide presentations on our plan for moving towns to 100% clean energy to our own Middletown Green Team and to Sustainable Jersey Monmouth Hub of all Green Teams in our county. We sponsored and staffed a table on clean energy at our town’s Middletown Day. Some of us spoke at a federal Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) hearing in favor of the NJ Atlantic Shores offshore wind project. We were even interviewed for two different podcasts – I highly recommend volunteering to create a PODCAST session- - it is FUN to be interviewed!.**

**OUR NEXT ACTIVITY: is a webinar on Dec 16, entitled “The 3rd Lever for Getting to Zero Emissions: Electrification of Building Heat.”**  **We bridge off Gov Murphy’s new 50% by 2030 goal and the need to “ACCELERATE”. IN ORDER TO MEET THE GOVERNOR’s New 2030 goal, NJ must get more aggressive on the third lever, building electrification. The state must upgrade building codes for new and existing buildings to include electric heat pumps for all heating and electric appliances. Residents and businesses must learn that when gas furnaces or appliances need replacing, it is imperative that they be replaced with electric ones. A great model of what NJ can do is underway in NYState.**

**You are invited to attend our next activity, Thurs, Dec 16 7PM Building Electrification webinar. You are welcome to sign up by clicking on the link that Pat is putting in the chat.**

**[Pat-TALKS To the beginning of ACTION]**

**STEVE ACTION: copy and paste INTO CHAT:**

**TODAY’S ACTION FOR THE FINAL 5 MINUTES: WRITE A LETTER:** [**https://secure.ucsusa.org/a/2021-urge-senate-pass-build-back-better-act**](https://secure.ucsusa.org/a/2021-urge-senate-pass-build-back-better-act)

**PAT CONTINUES: We recently watched as the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow – COP26 – brought together leaders from across the world to update the Paris Agreement goals to limit global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius. The meeting ended with mixed success. COP26 commitments do not yet achieve that goal. But the parties did agree to give all countries until the end of 2022 and COP27 to update their ambitions to “Keep 1.5 alive.” President Obama, in his COP26 speech, spoke directly to young people, who had been pushing, pushing, pushing their elders at COP26 to DO what it takes to save their lives and futures. “We can’t afford hopelessness,” he said. “It’s going to be hard. The thing we have going for us is, humanity has done hard things before. We can do hard things again.**

**“Young people, and those young at heart, stay angry, but channel that anger. Keep pushing harder and harder for more and more. Our planet has been wounded by our actions. Those wounds can be healed by degrees. If we follow through, we can secure a better future. What a profound and noble task to set for ourselves. Let’s get to work!”**

**END OF PAT TALK**

**STEVE TALK Thank you, Pat! Those were inspiring words from former Pres. Obama**

**We will close our talk by each attendee spending the next 5 minutes writing letters to our U.S. Senators, demanding they pass the BUILD BACK BETTER ACT. Then we will entertain questions.**

**I will quickly take you thru the letter writing process, and then leave you a few minutes to complete your letter**

**CLICK “SHARE” (lower right of monitor 1) STEVE READ FROM WORD DOCUMENT on Monitor 2**

**Then click on the link (OR CLOSE THE WINDOW TO REVEAL last window)** [**https://secure.ucsusa.org/a/2021-urge-senate-pass-build-back-better-act**](https://secure.ucsusa.org/a/2021-urge-senate-pass-build-back-better-act)

**MOVE IT INTO 2nd monitor   
CLICK “SHARE SCREEN”  
CLICK MONITOR 2  
STEVE: Read bold print at top.**

**SCROLL TO BOTTOM: 50% are influenced by form letters; 92% are influenced by PERSONAL LETTERS**

**SCROLL BACK TO LETTER, itself**

When finished editing, click “SEND LETTER”- as I am doing!!

**STOP SHARE**

So-you have 4 minutes to edit this letter as you desire, and hit “SEND LETTER”

Soon, you will receive thoughtful return letters from both Bob Menendez and Cory Booker

I will not talk for a few minutes, while you send your letter, but will be listening for questions or problems.

Then we will entertain general questions.