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**To:** Spencer, Martha  
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April 16, 2007  
Dear Commissioners,

We were unable to speak at the April 19 meeting regarding the Health and Safety aspects of the General Plan. We are addressing the Energy Element component of the plan and support Alternative A.

My husband and I moved here 7 years ago to escape the pollution, traffic and overcrowded Sacramento Valley. Here in Humboldt we have found a safe haven, but see that every community has it's own set of challenges.

We are entering an era of higher energy costs and resource scarcity. We need to plan how our communities will look and function 20 years from now. **We need to have a long-term vision!**

The General Plan should promote development that is compact, community-oriented, and designed for alternative transportation. If we incorporate energy efficiency in homes, businesses, and public facilities, they will more affordable!

We have attended Solar house tours and see the potential on a community scale for energy efficiency built into all new homes and buildings. Just think of the jobs that can be created locally with the manufacturing of clean and green technology, as well as, within the construction sector.

We can create a feasible Alternative A by supporting revenue neutral incentives and a green-building friendly permitting process.

The sooner we become independent of carbon producing energy and create our own infrastructure, the safer and healthier we will all be.

Sincerely,

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