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Dear Mr. Grice,

I applaud this action. Because this is a long-term project, it will be important to assure that emerging and superior technologies are integrated as they become practical and to avoid becoming stuck with less effective methods.

Will there be an ongoing inquiry into the best possible paths toward achieving the stated goals? Engaging the communities in question and soliciting their ideas and creative solutions will make a big difference in the final outcome. Beyond purely technical fixes, this program has educational potential. Imparting an understanding of the climate situation and of the importance and effects of making effective changes can change attitudes for a lifetime.

Is waste being included as a focus? Repairing appliances and vehicles, recycling and so on reduce the greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental effects of the waste itself, and of the manufacturing required to replace those things.

In an increasingly difficult economic environment for many people, the ability and motivation to extend the life of already purchased goods makes sense. A culture of extended use will be less wasteful of both resources and money, and less damaging. That attitude can extend to the care and restoration of the planet, ideally replacing the throwaway attitude that has contributed to the need for this program.

Keeping the aims from being watered down is crucial. Specific industries will likely try to carve out exceptions for themselves, so I hope that is not allowed.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Daimon Sweeney