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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

As we are going through the current pandemic, I'm reminded over and over that, fortunately, we can take action to mitigate the effects of coronavirus and stop its spread. However, I'm keenly aware that the next global challenge to face us is climate change, and that the effects will not be nearly so easy to lessen the impact of - we have to take this pandemic as a lesson in the need to be proactive to prevent the next great crisis to impact us all.

I know that making ambitious goals of any sort, climate or otherwise, seems tenuous at best in this time of economic uncertainty - but now is our best time to act to forestall future possibly much more devastating disasters from climate change. Let's use the ways we have innovated during the pandemic to continue reducing pollution and dream big together about how we can make our future a safer and cleaner one.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share my thoughts, and for your leadership in negotiating the complex challenges involved in energy and environmental affairs.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback on the Massachusetts Decarbonization Roadmap to 2050. I am writing today to urge that Massachusetts commits to:

-At least net zero and ideally net negative emissions by 2050;
-100% clean energy by 2040; and
-At least 50% emissions reductions below 1990 levels by 2030.

Science tells us that by 2050 we need to be drawing down carbon from the atmosphere to mitigate the worst of the climate crisis. This is why we are asking for a goal of at least net zero and ideally net negative emissions by 2050, and the strong earlier targets to get us there.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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