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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

In order for our nation and our world to have any hope of achieving the greenhouse gas reductions needed to stay below 1.5 degrees of warming - which the IPCC has shown we must to avoid disastrous climate change effects - many places will need to achieve net negative emissions by 2050. This includes wealthy countries like the US, who can afford to invest in green infrastructure. And states like Massachusetts should lead the charge on this front, and show the way to a cleaner, more prosperous future for everyone. I am grateful that the Baker administration has made reducing greenhouse gas emissions a priority. But I urge the administration to be bolder and set a more ambitious goal of net negative emissions by 2050.

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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