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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

This is something we should have seriously committed to years ago, and now that we've been staying at home and most businesses and factories have shut down or halted operations, we're starting to see the positive effects of our reduced pollution. There are clearer skies, even over cities like LA, we can see more stars, the benefits will keep coming if we keep our emissions down, including job creation and economic stimulus from developing more green energy solutions.

However, if we don't commit to this critical goal, the price we pay will be astronomical. We've already seen the increase in extreme weather and therefore food shortages worldwide, and more extreme temperatures mean more energy spent on heating and cooling, warmer weather will bring about greater numbers of disease-carrying insects like mosquitoes and ticks, and much of what makes us so iconic, The Bay State, will be lost to rising sea levels. In short, we cannot afford to not commit to these emissions goals as soon as possible.

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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