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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

Also please remove biomass as part of the Alternative Portfolio Standard and the Renewable Portfolio Standard. It is not carbon-neutral: it burns trees and thus burns carbon, it takes 30-50 years to regrow, and makes our carbon-sequestering forests vulnerable. Moreover, power plants that incinerate biomass put nearby populations at health risk. It's a bad idea all around!

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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