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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

As a faith leader, decarbonization is both a matter of care for God's creation for me, as well as a matter of justice for vulnerable people and communities who are being harmed first and worst by the unfolding climate catastrophe. Right now, seven million people are dying from air pollution alone each year, figures much worse than the coronavirus pandemic, yet leaders tell us it's unrealistic to spend the money and take the steps necessary to prevent even worse outcomes. Yet, those steps would actually contribute to the recovery of the economy post-pandemic.

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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