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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

As someone who has studied natural resources conservation, I understand the eminent threat of climate change and also understand that we do not have to sit back. Policy has a MASSIVE effect on what our future looks like. I voted for Charlie Baker because he does have experience implementing renewable energy technology and making it work in Massachusetts. However, I hope to see even more ambitious goals for 2050. Even if not met, we might surprise ourselves with how much we can achieve! It is always better to set the bar high! I urge you to make Massachusetts a leader in sustainability by aiming for net zero or net negative emissions.
Especially now, when the federal government is rolling back emissions standards, it is imperative that we show that we are not in agreement. Massachusetts cares about its people, public health, the environment, and the economy. Please consider these goals not just as a document you have to write up, but as a promise to the people for a better future and a message to the rest of the country that a sustainable future is achievable.

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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