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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

You must stop the permitting of fossil fuel compressor stations and other interstate pipeline expansion projects. These projects must be considered in the emissions that is calculated for Massachusetts.

There must be a plan to shut down compressor stations as we transition off of fossil fuels. It is not fair to just protect lands in Western, Massachusetts and other areas and not improve air quality in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods already overburdened with industrial facilities and air pollution like the Fore River Basin. The benefits and risks must be shared across the Commonwealth.

We need to have more investments in public transportation. We also need regional rail with Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) Trains with 15 minute headways and the North South Rail Link. We also need more connectivity on the subway system with a Red-Blue Connector.

Electric vehicles and charging stations is also really important.

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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