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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

As a scientist and researcher who recognizes the painful reality of the climate crisis, I urge you to not only commit to the 2030, 2040, and 2050 goals respectively, but to put greater effort into achieving all three goals before their respective year dates; get ahead of the game to combat climate change stronger and sooner. Doing so will make a far greater impact in saving the world than even committing to the three goals on their respective yearly schedules. As a resident of Massachusetts who lives by the coast, I yearn to stop the onslaught of rising seas and more powerful storms from destroying the coastal habitats of this state, and protecting our communities from disaster. You have every potential of achieving all three goals before their deadlines. Please do so. Save your state citizens. Save the planet.

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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