

# **SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

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Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources  
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ATTN: John Wassam

RE: RPS Public Comment

Dear Commissioner Woodcock,

Please accept this written testimony as addition to my original comments before your agency in 2021.

Everything I said last year stands.

While DOER's revised proposal does rightfully excludes new facilities that burn and pollute like the one proposed in Springfield from receiving ratepayer dollars, it would shamefully still direct new public funds to prop up failing existing facilities that have harmed communities like ours throughout the northeast.

Whether it is in Springfield, or any other community, it is long past time that we cease subsidies for polluters who poison the air our children breath and degrade our quality of life.

DOER must accelerate the effort to transition our Commonwealth to a truly affordable, renewable energy economy that can power the future and uplift our next generation.

Respectfully,

Jesse Lederman  
Springfield City Councilor At-Large  
Vice President of the Springfield City Council