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Re: RPS Public Comment as submitted by email to doer.rps@mass.gov

Dear Commissioner Woodcock,

I am a mother and a grandmother, and I am terrified about what the world will be like for all of our children and grandchildren and all future descendants as the catastrophe of climate change unfolds. We must do everything we can to stop all carbon emissions and to save our forests.

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment in the proposed changes to the RPS regulations that would allow Massachusetts ratepayer dollars to incentivize inefficient, polluting biomass burning electricity plants in New England.

Wood-burning power plants are not “clean energy” – they emit large quantities of harmful air pollution and are damaging to our health, our climate, and our forests. As we know, forests are the primary way we have for sequestering carbon – so burning biomass is a double threat to our climate.

The proposed regulations would ^[1] open the door even wider for dozens of existing, highly polluting biomass power plants across New England to sell renewable energy credits in Massachusetts at a time when we need to be generating more and more clean renewable energy. To meet our climate goals, we need to invest in truly clean renewable energy sources that don't emit carbon, such as wind and solar, and we need to protect our forests, which absorb and sequester carbon.

Please withdraw the proposed RPS regulation changes that would allow ratepayer dollars to prop up dirty energy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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