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Dear Mr. Wassam,

I am writing to oppose the DOER rules changes to 225 CMR 14.00 and 225 CMR 15.00. Removal of biomass from the RPS and APS is critical on so many levels.

- Biomass does not align with the Climate Roadmap Law or the IPCC report
- Biomass is neither clean, nor renewable when used for energy.
- Biomass plants are harmful to public health, warm the climate and destroy forests and biodiversity and destroy land that we hold dear.
- Biomass plants pollute more than coal plants and should not be classified as renewable because the substrate they burn in minutes takes decades to grow - that is simply not sustainable.
- If burning trees was outlawed for most MA communities based on their proximity to EJ communities, why is it ok to do it anywhere?
- Out-of-state biomass plants that are allowed to receive subsidies without meeting the clean energy standards of Massachusetts, simply shifts the harmful effects to a neighboring location.
- Additionally, the technology for "bioenergy with carbon capture and storage" (BECCS) does not yet exist. What has been developed is very expensive, takes an enormous amount of energy and is therefore very inefficient and ineffective.
- The fact that the state has a stockpile of biomass substrate waiting to be burned (stated by Woodcock at the hearing back in July 2021) is not a good reason to go ahead and burn it.

Public opposition to biomass, including biomass subsidies in the RPS and APS, is fierce. We simply cannot burn our way to a cleaner climate. There is no place for biomass energy in Massachusetts - not in Environmental Justice Communities, or ANY communities; not large scale plants or small ones. This has to STOP!

Please do the right thing - remove biomass altogether from the RPS and APS regs. We have better alternatives than that.

Thank you for your consideration for our planet and for future generations.

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