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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Massachusetts resident concerned about the health of all residents—no matter where they live—I write to oppose weakening the standard for biomass in the RPS, and to oppose the DOER adoption of plans to allow dirty biomass power plants to qualify for renewable energy subsidies in Massachusetts.

Let's stop the charade of identifying biomass as "clean energy." Wood-burning plants emit tons of harmful air pollution that poses ongoing threats to residents' health, the state's tenuous climate health, and the health of our forests.

In addition, the new regulations permit dozens of existing, highly polluting biomass power plants across New England to sell renewable energy credits in Massachusetts, thereby empowering these sources of dirty energy to maintain themselves.

As Massachusetts recently enacted the Next Gen Climate Roadmap Law, residents are extremely aware of the legal mandate included in this act: We **must** reduce emissions by 50% by the year 2030—and subsidizing wood-burning plants defies the intent of this law.

Please respect the law's intent--do not weaken the biomass standard or allow dirty plants to qualify for renewable energy subsidies in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

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