

It is time for all of Massachusetts to share the burden of hosting renewable energy assets. Under this proposed modification, *if a city or town hosts sufficient MWdc of solar generation and/or battery energy storage systems to power it's residences, it would have the legal option to "opt-out" by prohibiting further large-scale renewable developments and continue adhering to its own local bylaws.* While these facilities are crucial to Massachusetts' path toward sustainable energy and carbon neutrality, they disproportionately burden rural landscapes and complicate open-space management. This amendment would help evenly distribute the responsibilities of hosting renewable infrastructure while expediting the development of more expansive urban and suburban parking lot canopy solar installations, battery energy storage systems, and commercial rooftop solar projects.