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John Wassam,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources' proposed changes to our state's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards regulations. I am heartened that DOER will now bar any power plant from qualifying for the RPS program if it is located in or near an identified environmental justice population, but this stipulation does not go far enough to protect our communities. DOER is still proposing to weaken standards for existing power plants if they are burning "non-forest derived" wood. Regardless of the wood source, these power plants produce a tremendous amount of air pollution that threatens our lungs and climate stability. These plants do not deserve ratepayer subsidies. Propping up biomass in the name of "clean energy" is nothing but greenwashing.

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