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I'm am sending public comments regarding the new provisions of the Phase 2 regulation changes.

I object in the strongest possible way to any regulation change that lowers the efficiency required to qualify for RPS subsidies for burning biomass of all forms in all generating plants in New England. Your change will immediately qualify most wood burning plants in New England for clean energy certificates that would be paid for by Massachusetts rate payers. This includes plants in New Hampshire and Maine! These subsidies are intended to encourage true clean energy generation such as solar and wind and NOT to subsidize old dirty wood burning plants that cannot be profitable without government assistance.

Gov. Baker can try to paint as green his 'backing off' from his original version of this regulation change that would have qualified a new wood burning plant in Springfield, rated as the asthma capital of the United States, but pushing a change that still qualifies the aged, dirty plants in New Hampshire and Maine currently being subsidized by their own state taxes shows his true nature to put politics above climate change. The voters of Massachusetts will not forget this.

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