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John Wassam,

Dear Commissioner Woodcock,

I'm writing to comment on the proposed amendments to Massachusetts' Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) program pertaining to burning woody biomass.

Thank you for your recent ruling keeping biomass power plants out of EJ communities.

I am highly concerned, however, about your plans to only require new biomass power plants to meet a 60% efficiency.

We need to head to ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS - fast. Allowing biomass plants to pollute, and to emit carbon, is counterproductive to Bay State residents' health and safety.

Please, save your subsidy dollars for clean energy where it can be invested in a better future for all of us.

I urge you to leave the existing biomass eligibility criteria in the RPS intact, while adding the proposed provision to protect environmental justice communities.

Thank you.

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