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House Chair, Joint Committee on
Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy
State House Room 42

The Honorable Tackey Chan
House Chair, Joint Committee on Consumer
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State House Room 43

The Honorable Bradley H. Jones, Jr.
House Minority Leader
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The Honorable Michael J. Barrett
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State House Room 109D

The Honorable Cynthia S. Creem
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State House Room 312A

The Honorable Bruce E. Tarr
Senate Minority Leader
State House Room 308

Dear Honorable Members of the Conference Committee,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and our members and supporters across the Commonwealth, we appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on H.4524/S.2842, An Act advancing offshore wind and clean energy. This letter was delivered to legislators May 12, 2022.

Today marks 50 days left to pass a bill without risking a pocket veto. Two months to legislate and pass into law the policies we need to protect our health, our communities and our future here in Massachusetts. We, the undersigned, are committed to a just transition in the Commonwealth. Our priorities reflect our conviction that there are multiple overlapping crises: public health, unaffordable housing, and life-threatening carbon emissions. These issues must continue to be addressed this session. Our house is on fire.

It is not lost on us that the legislature revived the Next- Gen Roadmap bill after the governor's veto, and we believe the legislature holds the solutions needed to further ensure we meet the moment with thrust and a sense of urgency. The latest UN IPCC Report stated we have the solutions but lack the political will to make the change we need. Therefore, we ask you as our elected officials to demonstrate the will necessary to proceed in haste, as the climate crisis clock ticks on.

We come together, to call for the following pieces of policy to move forward now:

Environmental Justice

- Siting Reform (S.2135/H.3336)
- Air Quality (S.1447/H.2230) & S.2842, Section 76

Climate and Food Justice

- Building Justice with Jobs (S.2226/H.3365)
- Food Justice (H.967/S.495)
- Food Justice Frontline (H.973/S.564)
- Green Schools (S.1382)
- Interdisciplinary Climate (H.614/S.311)
- An Act transitioning Massachusetts to clean electricity, heating and transportation (The 100% Clean Act) S.2136/H.3288
- An Act to prevent biomass energy to protect the air we breathe (H.3333)
- Restrict biomethane and prohibit hydrogen in pipelines: Chapter 164, Section 106

Housing Justice

- Covid Housing Equity Bill (H.1434/S.891)
- Rent control (H.1378 / S.886 and H.1440 / S.889)
- Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (H.1426/S.890)
- An Act providing for climate change adaptation infrastructure and affordable housing investments in the Commonwealth (S.1853 & H.2890)

MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda

- An Act prohibiting the use of Native American mascots by public schools in the Commonwealth. (S.294/H.581)
- An Act to protect Native American Heritage. (S.2239/H.3377 & S.2240/H.3385)
- An Act establishing an Indigenous Peoples Day. (S.2027/H.3191)
- An act relative to celebrating and teaching Native American culture and history. (S.382/H.651)
- An Act providing for the creation of a permanent commission relative to the education of American Indian and Alaska Native residents of the Commonwealth. (H.582)

Just Transition

- S.1197/H.1954 An Act Relative to a Just Transition to Clean Energy
- S.1198/H.1955 The Clean Energy Workforce Standards and Accountability Act

The undersigned,

- Mass Power Forward
- Mass Renews Alliance
- Homes for All Massachusetts

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- 350 Central Mass
 - 350 Mass
 - Allandale Coalition
 - Andover WECAN
 - Berkshire Environmental Action Team
 - Boston Catholic Climate Movement
 - Boston Clean Energy Coalition
 - Boston Climate Action Network
 - Boston Teachers Union
 - Brookhaven Residents Climate Change Committee
 - Canton Residents for a Sustainable Equitable Future
 - Clean Water Action
 - Climate Code Blue
 - Climate Reality Project Massachusetts Southcoast
 - Community Action Works Campaigns
 - Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation
 - Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation
 - Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative
 - Faith Communities Environmental Network
 - Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility
 - Green Newton

- Groundwork Lawrence
- HealthLink
- Jewish Climate Action Network - MA
- Kavod Boston
- Lexington Climate Action Network
- Lynn United for Change
- Massachusetts Climate Action Network
- Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light
- Mothers Out Front Worcester
- No Fracked Gas in Mass
- NOFA/Mass
- Partnership for Policy Integrity
- Pipe Line Awareness Network for the Northeast (PLAN-NE)
- Renew Worcester
- Sierra Club Massachusetts
- South Coast Neighbors United
- Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation
- Sustainable Middleborough
- Sustainable Wellesley
- Tipping Point 01545
- Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
 - Climate Action Task Force; First Unitarian Universalist Society in Newton
 - Environmental Justice Committee, First Parish in Bedford
 - First Parish Church/Lexington,MA
 - Green Sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading
 - North Parish of North Andover Climate Justice Group
 - First Parish of Concord Environmental Team