

**Via Electronic Mail**

June 16, 2022

The Honorable Jeffrey N. Roy  
House Chair, Joint Committee on  
Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy  
Massachusetts State House, Room 42

The Honorable Tackey Chan  
House Chair, Joint Committee on Consumer  
Protection and Professional Licensure  
Massachusetts State House, Room 43

The Honorable Bradley H. Jones, Jr.  
House Minority Leader  
Massachusetts State House, Room 124

The Honorable Michael J. Barrett  
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on  
Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy  
Massachusetts State House, Room 109D

The Honorable Cynthia S. Creem  
Senate Majority Leader  
Massachusetts State House Room, 312A

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

**Re: Northeast Clean Energy Council Comments to the Climate Bill Conferees**

Dear Committee of Conference Members,

The Northeast Clean Energy Council (“NECEC”) applauds your collective leadership on climate change and clean energy. Each of the bills before this Conference Committee represents meaningful progress in addressing the Commonwealth’s contributions to climate change. NECEC is eager to see passage of a bill that ensures that we can develop the strategies and policies needed to meet Massachusetts’ climate goals and deliver effective energy and environmental justice strategies. Below, we share NECEC’s support for certain provisions in each of the bills. We stand ready to work with you, your colleagues and your staff to make these priorities law.

NECEC leads the just, equitable, and rapid transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy. NECEC is the only organization in the Northeast that covers all of the clean energy market segments, representing the business perspectives of investors and clean energy companies across every stage of development. NECEC members span the broad spectrum of the clean energy industry, including clean transportation, energy efficiency, wind, solar, energy storage, microgrids, fuel cells, and advanced and “smart” technologies.

Understanding the likely volume of information the Conference Committee has received, NECEC

provides the following list of (a) certain bills we support and (b) certain bills we support with amendment. In addition, we include additional detail and analysis on each provision as Appendix A.

Support

- *OSW Procurements (Sections 20-22 of H.4524 & Sections 50 and 68 of S.2842)*
- *Funding for MassCEC (Sections 9, with amendments and 13-14 of H.4524 & Sections 9 and 67 of S.2842)*
- *Centering Equity and Environmental Justice (Section 11A of H.4524 & Sections 8 and 76 of S.2842)*
- *Commitments to Energy Storage Procurement (Sections 19, and 25-26 of H.4524)*
- *Addressing issues with Net Metering (Sections 44-45 of S.2842)*
- *Regional Clean Energy Procurement (Section 62 of S.2842)*
- *Transportation Opportunities (Sections 34, 38-39, 52-53, 56-57, 67 and 78 of S.2842)*
- *Commit to Addressing Building Emissions (Section 34 of S.2842)*

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued leadership on these critically important issues.

Sincerely,



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