



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives

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Honorable Robert DeLeo
Speaker of the House
State House, Room 356
Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Jeffrey Sánchez
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
State House, Room 243
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Cc: Majority Leader Ronald Mariano, State House, Room 343, Boston, MA
Speaker Pro Tempore Patricia A. Haddad, State House, Room 370, Boston, MA
Chairman Thomas A. Golden, State House, Room 473B, Boston, MA

Dear Speaker DeLeo and Chairman Sánchez:

We wish to express our gratitude for your efforts thus far in advancing legislation that will promote a clean energy future and set the Commonwealth on a path to meet its Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) requirements. Specifically, we thank you and the Chair of the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy for moving forward legislation that will address the renewable portfolio standard (H.4575), energy storage (H.4576), and net metering (H.4577). We look forward to supporting these bills on the House floor in the near future as a first step toward accelerating the growth of renewable energy in the Commonwealth.

Our offices have been contacted by constituents, municipalities, and businesses expressing their desire for the House to promote clean energy, address climate change, and protect the health and well-being of the Commonwealth's residents. By passing legislation to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy this session, we will make strong progress toward achieving these goals.

In just the last year, the Commonwealth lost over 3,000 solar jobs. To restore our state's nationwide solar leadership, we must act quickly to remind investors why Massachusetts is the best place in the country to invest in clean energy development. Precious dollars are at stake, as are our looming GWSA emissions reduction targets and the safety of our communities. We therefore urge you to prioritize passage of H.4575, H.4576, and H.4577 as expeditiously as possible as a first step towards achieving the renewable energy future we desire. These bills will additionally pave the way for action on solar net metering equity and peak demand reduction, which will further bolster our state's clean energy economy.

Thank you again for your leadership on energy policy, and we respectfully request that you bring these 3 bills to a floor vote at the earliest opportunity. Our constituents, present and future, are counting on us.

Best Regards,

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