July 2, 2020

Dear Chair Golden, Chair Barrett, and members of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy,

As municipal officials representing cities and towns across Massachusetts, we ask you to report favorably on the 100% Renewable Energy Act (H.2836), filed by Representative Marjorie Decker and Representative Sean Garballey.

Fossil fuels are polluting our air and water, harming our health, and changing our climate in dangerous ways. In recent months, we’ve learned more about how pollution from fossil fuels puts people at risk from diseases like COVID-19.

Fortunately, we can envision a future where all of the energy we use to power our homes, our businesses, our institutions, and our transportation system comes from clean, renewable sources like the sun and the wind.

More than 200 global companies, along with major Massachusetts institutions like Partners HealthCare and Boston University, have set 100% renewable energy targets. Thirteen states have pledged to eliminate fossil fuel electricity by 2050 or sooner.

Across the Commonwealth, municipal leaders are taking big steps to reduce energy consumption and increase the adoption of renewable energy. At least a dozen communities in Massachusetts, from Watertown to Northampton, have committed to 100% renewable energy targets, and others are considering similar goals.

These local initiatives give us confidence that a future powered entirely by renewable energy is achievable. When we achieve 100% renewable energy, our air will be cleaner and we’ll help prevent the worst impacts of global warming, while building a stronger, more vibrant economy.

We support a statewide transition to 100% renewable energy for all sectors, including heating, transportation, and electricity. Please report favorably on the 100% Renewable Energy Act, including a commitment to transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for heating and transportation by 2045, and please do everything you can to ensure this important bill is passed into law before the end of the current legislative session.
Sincerely,

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