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Subject: Climate and Environment

To the Governor's Office:

We appreciate the work of Governor Baker to recognize and deal with the reality of climate change, as Massachusetts has become a leader in coping with this dramatic threat to humanity. We have increased clean energy usage in electrical generation and transportation, implemented conservation measures and moved toward better sustainability.

But we have just begun, and with the dysfunction in Washington the burden for now clearly falls urgently on the states. Massachusetts voters know this and want to accelerate meaningful progress to not only cope with effects such as rising sea levels and more powerful storms, but to make major contributions to limiting global temperature increases and heading off the worst damage to our earth.

Nationwide, a solid majority of registered Republicans believe the U.S. should use more solar energy (75 percent) and wind energy (62 percent) moving forward. Sixty percent of Republicans think the U.S. should stay in the Paris Climate Accord. In addition to the \$1.4B bond bill the Governor introduced last month, we believe that many of the elements of the Senate omnibus climate bill need to be adopted, including:

- Putting a price on carbon
- Accelerating renewable energy development
- Modernizing the electrical grid
- Halting further investment in fossil-fuel infrastructure
- Enhancing environmental justice

We urge the Governor to push hard for legislative progress and take all executive actions possible to advance environmental goals, as a leader in both the state and the Republican Party.

Sincerely,

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