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Massachusetts Legislature Clean Energy Caucus

Memo

TO: Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer

FROM: Sen. Jamie Eldridge and Rep. Steve Owens, Clean Energy Caucus co-chairs

RE: Follow-up on climate and clean energy issues discussed during Wednesday May 3 meeting

Thank you very much for meeting with us on May 3 to discuss a wide variety of climate and clean energy issues that we have heard from caucus members, our districts, and climate action advocates. Provided below is a list of the items that we appreciate your help in resolving:

1. Educating communities, municipal officials, and climate action activists on how to help reach the state's 2050 Roadmap carbon emissions reductions goals for 2030 and 2050. You had mentioned a \$3.5 million federal grant for this kind of education, we would like to know more about that, and also if there is any plan from the Healey-Driscoll administration for state investments in climate education.
2. Persuading DPU to approve municipal aggregation applications and crafting policies limiting aggregation premiums, which at current rates can negate the benefits of aggregation.
3. Reviewing state fire code regulations on roofs that are restricting the size of solar projects and standardizing the approach to the fire code in regards to electric bus garages.

4. Fixing EV charging stations at MBTA stations, ensuring that the MBTA has direct responsibility for maintaining charging stations, and increasing the number of charging stations at MBTA stations.

5. Fulfilling the Healey-Driscoll administration's plan to ensure that housing production goals require most or all new housing be fossil fuel-infrastructure free and electrified, and that existing and new affordable housing receives the necessary funding and requirements to ensure homes are as energy efficient and clean energy-powered as possible.

6. Investigating the DPU ruling that the electric vehicle funding mechanisms for municipal communities, the Make Ready Program and the MASS EVIP program, can no longer be used in conjunction with one another.