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Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 9:32 AM
To: asstexecsec@chilmarkma.gov
Subject: 100% Renewable Energy Letter

Dear Diana,

Thank you for speaking with me. Here is the email I'd like the Board to receive.

Sincerely,
Eleanor

Dear Chilmark Board of Selectmen,

I work with Environment Massachusetts, the statewide grassroots environmental advocacy organization. I am writing to ask you, as a community leader, to sign our letter in support of 100% renewable energy.

As a state, we have already made significant progress. Massachusetts was among the first states in the nation to limit carbon pollution from power plants, adopt ambitious fuel efficiency standards for cars, and foster clean energy development. As a result, pollution is down while the state's clean energy sector is booming.

We must do more. Solar can provide twice as much energy as we use each year, and offshore wind can produce more than 11 times our annual energy use. Massachusetts is positioned to lead the nation in clean energy use by committing to 100% renewable energy.

Currently, over 50 state legislators have co-sponsored a bill that would transition Massachusetts to 100% renewable energy, but we need more support. This is why we are asking local leaders to sign a letter in support of clean energy.

Below is a copy of our letter asking state leaders to commit to a goal of 100% clean energy. Would you like to add your name to the letter?

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Sultana
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Dear Massachusetts' leaders,

We urge you to help repower Massachusetts with 100% clean energy.

Massachusetts is hurting from our dependence on dirty energy. Pollution from fossil fuels is harming public health, contributing to asthma and cardiovascular disease. Extreme storms, droughts, and rising sea levels are threatening our communities and our future.

The good news is that the solutions are at hand. Solar can provide twice as much electricity as we use each year, and offshore wind can produce more than 11 times our annual electricity use. New technologies in energy efficiency and heating and cooling can dramatically reduce energy consumption in our homes and businesses. Electric vehicles and other green transportation options will help us get where we need to go without using fossil fuels.

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But we are still not doing enough to reduce our carbon pollution. We need to transform the way we power our society — and we need to do it fast. That's why we are calling for swift action to move Massachusetts to 100% renewable energy.

We urge you to pledge your support to repower Massachusetts with 100% clean and renewable energy, and do everything you can to bring us closer to that goal.

The time to act is now. Massachusetts must be a leader in the transition to renewable energy. Please do everything in your power to help achieve 100% clean, renewable energy in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____

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