

Petition
Regarding Clean Energy and Climate Change

To Governor Charlie Baker,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In all considerations of energy policy, we must give top priority to the incalculable costs of climate disruption on our economy, our world, our children, and our grandchildren. We are deeply alarmed by the proposals to build new natural-gas infrastructure in our state, such as Kinder Morgan's proposed pipeline. You must prioritize clean/green/sustainable energy policies for Massachusetts that support healthy communities and protect the environment. To thrive, our communities need the local and regional economic growth that a clean-energy economy and energy-efficiency projects have already proven they can provide.

Therefore the undersigned call on you to do everything in your power to prevent new natural-gas pipelines and new fossil-fuel infrastructure from being built in the Commonwealth. We also call upon you to:

- 1) Promote energy conservation and efficiency as the most cost-effective ways to meet our energy needs while reducing emissions of CO-2 and methane (the most significant greenhouse gases).
- 2) Work toward having 20% of our electric generation come from solar sources by 2025.
- 3) Direct the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate regulations to fully implement the Global Warming Solutions Act, including annual goals and non-compliance penalties for companies responsible to carry out the GWSA.
- 4) Oppose any tariff, tax, or other funding mechanism that would finance new fossil-fuel infrastructure with electric ratepayers' money.
- 5) Direct all state agencies to be exacting and precise in considering any state permits for new fossil-fuel infrastructure.
- 6) Veto any bill that would lift Article 97 protection of state-protected lands to allow new fossil-fuel infrastructure on them.
- 7) Call on our grid operator, ISO-New England, to address peak-demand and pricing pressures on our energy systems through such means as energy efficiency, distributed energy generation, energy storage, demand response and market-structuring reforms.
- 8) Oppose the use of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a conduit for the export of natural gas; and actively communicate your opposition to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission during its permitting processes for any proposed new pipelines in the state.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____, 2015
by the undersigned citizens of the Commonwealth:

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