

Mayors for 100% Renewable Energy

Statement of Support

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As mayors of cities representing more than 700,000 residents, we support powering Massachusetts with 100% clean, renewable energy.

Fossil fuels are polluting our air and water, harming our health, and changing our climate in dangerous ways. 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. California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Washington, New York, and Maine have pledged to eliminate fossil fuel electricity, and other states are considering similar goals.

Across Massachusetts, municipal leaders are taking big steps to reduce energy consumption and increase the adoption of renewable energy. These successful local projects 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) no later than 2045. We also support an accelerated timeline to achieve 100% renewable electricity. We encourage state officials to adopt policies that will help to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

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