



April 17, 2018

Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council
Commissioner Judith Judson, Chair
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1020
Boston, MA 02114
RE: EEAC Recommendations for the 2019-2021 MA Three year Energy Plan

Dear Commissioner Judson,

Thank you for rescheduling this Listening Session in Salem. SAFE (Salem Alliance for the Environment) wants to go on record as reaffirming our unanimous support for the Conservation Law Foundation/Green Justice Coalition letter to you dated March 14, 2018 (attached). We are an additional signatory to this letter.

We are proud to say Salem is a racial diverse community with a quarter of our population people of color. According to the Economic Innovation Group (<http://eig.org/2017-dci-map-national-zip-code-map>), Salem's median household income is significantly below the national median.

Salem is additionally disadvantaged in programs such as MASS SAVE because close to 50% of our residents are renters and for 20 % of the population English is not their primary language.

We want to underscore what CLF and the Green Justice Coalition wrote in their March 14, 2018 letter: "there is demand for the Mass Save program within communities whose primary language is other than English. Yet, households in these communities are still facing barriers to accessing the benefits of the program. Labelling households "harder to reach" is only acceptable if and when the PAs [Program Administrators] can design and implement programs that overcome barriers to access."

SAFE supports a vigorous and broadly democratic **Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan**, with increased access for low income families.

Gratefully,

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