MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

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Judith Judson, Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02114

RE: 2016-2018 Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan

Dear Chair Judson:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® (MAR), thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Department of Energy Resources and to the Energy Efficiency Council as we move toward a new, three-year energy efficiency plan for 2016-2018. REALTORS® applaud DOER, the Program Administrators and the Council for the tremendous efforts and the results, which makes Massachusetts a more energy efficient place to live and work. The over 20,000 members of MAR, who live and work in every community across the state, support sound environmental policy and believe that protecting our environment is a priority.

The draft plan sets forth ambitious goals that we believe will continue to allow Massachusetts to be the nationwide leader on energy efficiency. We encourage the council, in its advisory capacity, to support the plan and term sheets as submitted. While we recognize the benefits to the consumers of the Commonwealth, we remain concerned about raising the costs of energy efficiency and we encourage the Program Administrators to work to keep these costs as low as possible.

MAR welcomes the opportunity to promote energy efficiency practices among homeowners and renters throughout the Commonwealth. Our members are continuously in contact with homeowners, landlords, and renters, and we believe we are well positioned to assist in the marketing of the MassSave programs to ensure that the benefits are returned to those who actually pay for these programs.

Thank you and we look forward to working with DOER, the Council, and the Program Administrators over the next three years.

Sincerely,

Michael McDonagh

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