Statement of Interest

I'm writing to nominate myself for one of the open seats described in the Equity Working Group Charter as:

[Category 2] "Three members representing organizations that advocate on behalf of underrepresented or disadvantaged populations, to be selected by the seven Councilors of the Equity Working Group."

I joined Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) in September 2024 and am currently an Associate Attorney in CLF's Climate and Energy program. Before my time at CLF, the organization grew as a guiding advocate in the energy and affordability space over years of Mass Save advocacy working in coordination with environmental justice and low-income consumer advocates. Caitlin Peale Sloan, the Vice President of CLF's Climate and Energy Program, was a member of the original Equity Working Group advocating for equity and justice priorities in the development of Mass Save plans.

CLF has historically participated in each round of Mass Save planning and stakeholder process with the EEAC and intervened in the plan adjudication dockets before the Department of Public Utilities to advance equity and climate priorities. CLF works to create a healthy environment for all and advocates for a just energy transition where the overburdened do not get left behind.

Before my time at CLF, I was an environmental justice advocate throughout my educational career. I attended Cornell University and received a B.S. in Environment and Sustainability. I also received a minor in Inequality Studies, refining my education further to learn more on income inequality. Following this, I received my J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and interned at environmental justice and environmental organizations.

Since joining CLF I have represented equity interests as counsel for CLF in the Gas System Enhancement Plan (GSEP) proceedings and National Grid Targeted Electrification Docket before the DPU, prioritizing energy affordability. My other work has included supporting CLF's advocacy in rate case proceedings across New England, submitting comments in EFSB rulemakings, and, most recently, submitting comments on the EEAC's 2028-2030 Mass Save Planning Priorities. My passion for environmental and health equity and my experience in environmental justice work will bring a helpful perspective to the Equity Working Group. Energy efficiency programs in Massachusetts are an important tool for the state as it moves through an equitable and just energy system transition, and I would be thrilled to joining the EWG's efforts to strengthen Mass Save and its equity priorities.

Thank you for considering me for this position on the Equity Working Group.

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