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Comment submitted to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council regarding the energy efficiency needs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

I urge the council to strongly consider the overwhelming scientific evidence that humans are altering the global climate in a way that threatens the health, safety and welfare of future generations. We have a moral responsibility to make choices that preserve the rights of future generations to a healthy environment. All human ventures rely upon the health and balance of the natural world that supports us. So energy production, transmission and efficiency questions should adhere to the following guidelines:

--We should strive for carbon neutrality in all energy production.

--Strong investment should be put into renewable energy sources such as solar photovoltaic and wind (where appropriate).

--No new investment should be put into infrastructure that creates and/or transmits fossil fuels in any form. **Specifically no new gas pipelines should be built in the Commonwealth.**

--Recycling, energy conservation and energy efficiency measures (both residential and industrial) should be broadly instituted.

In summary, we need to stop delaying the wholehearted investment into renewable energy sources. Building new infrastructure to facilitate the movement and consumption of fossil fuels (particular natural gas from “fracked” sources) is denying our moral imperative to safeguard the natural world for all its inhabitants and future generations of humans. The time is now and no responsible person/organization/government can ignore the need to act to accelerate the transition to renewable energy sources. Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

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