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Dear Senator,

Massachusetts has an opportunity to lead the nation on clean energy and climate change policy, and federal developments make leadership on the state level especially crucial. The undersigned organizations support “An Act Creating 21st Century Massachusetts Clean Energy Jobs” ([SD2049](#)), filed by Senator Pacheco, and we urge you to sign on as a co-sponsor.

Currently, over 100,000 people in Massachusetts work in the clean energy industry. This legislation will continue the dramatic increase in clean tech jobs, build on our position as the strongest state for energy efficiency, and help us reach the requirements of the Global Warming Solutions Act. Specifically, this multi-faceted bill will help contribute to the economic, environmental and health benefits of adding more renewable energy resources by increasing the Renewable Portfolio Standard and securing more offshore wind energy. It will also cement Massachusetts as #1 for energy efficiency, by requiring home energy audits prior to home sales and allowing for new financing tools to help homeowners and businesses invest in energy efficiency and renewable power upgrades. Other important provisions of this legislation would pave the way for modernizing our power grid while protecting consumers and developing cost-effective energy storage technologies.

The Global Warming Solutions Project (GWSP) is a multi-disciplinary effort to facilitate and maximize the implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act. GWSP members represent a broad range of organizations that share in an unwavering commitment to fight for sound public policies to address climate change.

The undersigned organizations urge you to co-sponsor SD2049.

As the convenor of the GWSP, the Environmental League of Massachusetts offers is pleased to express support for “An Act Creating 21st Century Massachusetts Clean Energy Jobs” and looks forward to working with you and the undersigned organizations to achieve its speedy passage.

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