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 State House Room 42

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The Honorable Bradley H. Jones, Jr.  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Conference Committee,

We are writing as members of the Massachusetts business and institutional community with significant operations in the Commonwealth to offer our comments on **H.4524/S.2842, An Act advancing offshore wind and clean energy**. We urge you and your colleagues to work swiftly to finalize robust and comprehensive legislation that will move us toward our shared climate goals and grow our clean energy economy. We appreciate the Legislature's commitment to building on the success of the 2050 Next Generation Roadmap law by advancing measures that support the broad goals with detailed policy proposals. With the looming threat of the climate crisis and the continuing impacts that global instability has on our energy supply, the need to pass bold clean energy legislation is clearer than ever before.

In particular, we wish to express our support for including language in a final bill produced by your committee that advances our shared environmental and economic goals:

**Strengthen our clean energy economy.** The legislation under consideration provides a valuable opportunity to support the ambitious goals laid out in the 2050 Next Generation Roadmap law with concrete investments in expanding our "green economy" and increasing the amount of clean, renewable energy produced here in the Commonwealth. We strongly encourage language that supports the increased procurement and responsible development of offshore wind, as well as investments in storage and transmission that will make Massachusetts a national leader in clean energy. The Commonwealth is and can continue to be a leading incubator of new technology in the clean tech sector, which in turn will catalyze job growth, tax revenue, and outside investments in our state. We support efforts to invest in the future work of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and new opportunities for public-private collaboration in this growing field.

**Invest in green infrastructure.** Reducing emissions from our transportation sector while upgrading our electric grid to support a greater degree of distributed generation will make Massachusetts a cleaner and more attractive place to live and work. We support efforts to decarbonize our transportation sector by incentivizing electric vehicle (EV) adoption, electrifying public transit, and investing in EV charging infrastructure. We also recognize the important role that grid modernization will play in moving us toward a carbon-neutral electric grid, and we support efforts to bring together stakeholders to tackle these challenges head-on.

**Prioritize equity and justice.** The opportunity to grow our clean energy economy also offers the chance to bring marginalized communities into a thriving and well-paying industry. We support efforts to prioritize equity and environmental justice at every step of the process. Workforce development, recruitment, and vocational training efforts will ensure that our clean energy economy is not only well-equipped to meet the growing demand for skilled workers, but also that high-quality green jobs are accessible to all. We recognize the disproportionate public health impacts borne by environmental justice communities and support efforts to protect air quality and environmental health across the state. We also support efforts to consider both environmental impact and environmental justice in large projects to ensure that vulnerable communities and scarce natural resources are safeguarded as we expand our clean energy supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the legislation before the conference committee and for your consideration of these important measures. We look forward to continuing to work together to build a stronger, more sustainable Commonwealth for our current residents and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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**Amalgamated Bank**  
**Anbaric**  
**Autodesk**  
**Bay State Health**  
**Bemis Associates**  
**Berkshire Bank**  
**Biogen**  
**Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA**  
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**Northeastern University**  
**The Saunders Hotel Group**  
**Studio G Architects**  
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