



July 27, 2022

The Honorable Aaron M. Michlewitz  
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means  
State House Room 243

The Honorable Mark J. Cusack  
House Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue  
State House Room 34

The Honorable Michael J. Soter  
Joint Committee on Economic Development  
and Emerging Technologies  
State House Room 237

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues  
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State House Room 212

The Honorable Eric P. Lesser  
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Economic  
Development and Emerging Technologies  
State House Room 410

The Honorable Patrick M. O'Connor  
Assistant Minority Leader  
State House Room 419

Dear Honorable Members of the Conference Committee,

We are writing today as businesses and organizations with significant operations in Massachusetts to urge you to support robust funding for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) in **H.5034/S.3018, An Act relating to economic growth and relief for the Commonwealth.**

We cannot take the urgent action necessary to meet our clean energy and emissions reduction goals without significant funding for offshore wind investment, technological innovation, and growth of an equitable clean energy economy. The clean energy bill currently on the Governor's desk would need funding for implementation but does not authorize it. As we continue to implement the requirements of the 2021 Next-Generation Roadmap law, the updated Clean Energy and Climate Plan released earlier this summer, and the new requirements of pending legislation, MassCEC will be a critical hub of targeted investment in private-sector innovation. Our statutorily-required 2025 and 2030 emissions reduction targets are rapidly approaching, and we must recognize the significant work needed to meet those goals.

We support the inclusion of **at least \$125 million for MassCEC** to promote the development and deployment of clean energy and decarbonization technologies around the Commonwealth in any final economic development package you advance. In a time of economic uncertainty, this funding would catalyze rapid growth in the clean energy sector and our innovation economy while investing in the future of the Commonwealth as we respond to the generational threat of climate change. Funding this work now will reduce overall costs of decarbonization and enable Massachusetts to become an exporter of clean energy solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your ongoing work to craft effective climate, energy, and economic policy. 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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Acadia Center  
The Alliance for Business Leadership  
Amalgamated Bank  
Anbaric  
Association to Preserve Cape Cod  
Avangrid  
Bemis Associates  
Berkshire Bank  
Black Economic Council of Massachusetts  
Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce  
Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative  
Ceres  
Chargepoint  
Clean Water Action  
Conservation Law Foundation  
E4theFuture  
Eastern Bank  
EcoLogical Solutions  
Equinor  
Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Faith Communities Environmental  
Network  
FirstLight Power Resources  
Form Energy  
Green Energy Consumers Alliance  
Greentown Labs**

**Health Care Without Harm  
League of Women Voters Massachusetts  
The Lenox Hotel  
LISC Boston  
Massachusetts Business Roundtable  
Massachusetts Climate Action Network  
Mayflower Wind  
Metropolitan Area Planning Council  
MetroWest Climate Solutions  
Mothers Out Front  
National Wildlife Federation  
New England Aquarium  
Northeast Clean Energy Council  
Ørsted  
Passive House Massachusetts  
PowerOptions  
Salem Alliance for the Environment  
Saunders Hotel Group  
Second Nature  
Sierra Club Massachusetts  
Trillium Asset Management  
UMass Lowell  
VHB  
Vineyard Offshore  
Vineyard Power Cooperative, Inc.  
Vote Solar**