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

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

## Support for MassCEC in FY2026 Budget

Dear Chair Michlewitz and Chair Rodrigues,

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to crafting a thoughtful and comprehensive Fiscal Year 2026 budget that meets the needs of our Commonwealth. We appreciate the work of the Legislature to make Massachusetts a leader on climate action, particularly with the passage of the Mass Leads Act, aiming to make Massachusetts the most compelling place to start and scale climatetech companies.

The undersigned are a diverse array of organizations and companies committed to supporting the growth of the green economy in Massachusetts. We are committed to helping reach our climate goals more efficiently through technology innovation. To fully utilize the capital and tax incentive programs passed in Mass Leads, it is critical that the Clean Energy Investment Fund transfer (line item 1595-6232) to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is fully funded at \$30 million.

Since its creation in 2008, MassCEC has operated as a hub of grants, technical assistance, job training and internship programs, as well as investments into climatetech companies. The Center's work to train and nurture a clean energy workforce has been notable, supporting over 6,000 internship placements and providing training to 7,500 workers in the green economy. MassCEC's focus on equity and inclusion has been a core component of these programs, with women and minority groups representing 65% of internship program participants.

Investing in MassCEC pays dividends not just in workforce development and business support, but also in driving down the cost of decarbonization through both technology innovation being led by Massachusetts-based companies and learning-in-place innovation through deployment of solutions in Massachusetts. Full allocation for MassCEC will help ensure that climatetech business-building and solution deployment happens in

Massachusetts and that it is done by and for Massachusetts residents, fully capturing the multi-pronged benefits of the net-zero transition.

Thank you,

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Anvil Capture Systems Power Options

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