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Support for H.4912 with Amendments 3 and 52

Dear legislator,

Green Energy Consumers Alliance commends the House Committee on Ways & Means for reporting out “An Act creating a 2050 roadmap” (H.4912). As a Boston-based nonprofit with a long history of advocating for consumers and the environment, we believe that the Roadmap bill will set Massachusetts on a strategic path towards necessary decarbonization by 2050. The bill contains a number of the most important components for decarbonization planning policy, including binding interim targets and an eye towards equity. However, the bill would be significantly strengthened by the adoption of **Amendments 3 and 52**.

Amendment 3: Energy Savings Efficiency (sponsored by Representatives Cutler, Hecht, Robinson, LaNatra, Lewis, et al.) would reduce carbon emissions and save money for consumers by raising the minimum level of efficiency required in appliances sold in Massachusetts. The language of this amendment was already passed by the House last session; it should be a shoo-in for passage alongside H.4912 because it is a necessary tool for implementing greenhouse gas emissions reductions—at no cost the Commonwealth’s families, businesses, or economy overall.

Amendment 52: Environmental Justice (sponsored by Representatives Madaro, DuBois, Miranda, Pignatelli, Vincent, et al.) would introduce equity protections into the climate and environmental planning and rectify past harm towards environmental justice communities.

Thank you for considering our comments and for your work to act on climate in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

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