



Dear Governor Patrick:

We write to you with profound respect for your leadership and gratitude for your myriad accomplishments to build the clean energy economy in Massachusetts and tackle the climate crisis. You have elevated the state of Massachusetts to a national – indeed a global – leadership role. In normal times, we would be unreservedly celebrating your successes and cheerleading your leadership.

Unfortunately, we do not live in normal times. As you know, the climate crisis continues to worsen with each passing day, as superstorms, droughts, floods, sea level rise, spreading tropical diseases, resource conflicts, economic migration, and crop failures threaten the very stability of modern civilization. While what you have done is beyond commendable, the challenge at hand demands that we ask you for more.

We have identified three ways you can clearly set Massachusetts on the right track toward climate solutions and solidify your legacy as the nation's most forward-thinking governor in history. These three steps are as follows:

1. Ban the Worst (Ban coal, tar sands, and fracking)
2. Build Only the Best (Commit to meeting all new energy demand exclusively through conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy)
3. Begin to Price the Rest (set-up a representative, transparent, and open process to look at how we can implement a carbon tax in Massachusetts).

Completing these three tasks will put you in the global spotlight as a truly progressive visionary who will have gone farther than anyone else to secure a clean energy future, a better future, for all those who follow.

Our organization is proud to support the Climate Legacy Campaign platform and is ready to stand beside you as you announce your support for these initiatives.

Thank you for your past and future leadership.

Respectfully,

