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The Honorable Karen Spilka
Senate President
24 Beacon St., Room 332
Boston, MA, 02133

The Honorable Ronald Mariano
Speaker of the House
24 Beacon St., Room 356
Boston, MA, 02133

Re: Alliance for Clean Energy Solutions Support for Senate Bill 9, An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy

Dear President Spilka and Speaker Mariano,

On behalf of the Alliance for Clean Energy Solutions (ACES), we write to express our gratitude for your leadership in again moving the Next Generation Climate Roadmap (Senate Bill 9) to Governor Baker's desk. ACES is a coalition comprised of business groups, clean energy companies, environmental organizations, labor, health, and consumer advocates who are dedicated to advancing clean energy in the Commonwealth.

As you know, this piece of legislation represents a significant step forward in reducing Massachusetts greenhouse gas emissions and affirming our need to engage more deeply in the practice of environmental justice. We appreciate your recognition of the urgency of enacting the Climate Roadmap Bill on January 28th. As you know, we cannot wait another moment to etch these important climate reduction commitments into statute and move the Commonwealth forward.

As attention on the bill now shifts to Governor Baker, we are writing to urge you and your legislative colleagues to resist a weakening of the bill in your discussions with the Baker Administration. As we anticipate suggested changes from Governor Baker, it is important that we preserve the essence of the bill and push back against a watering down of key provisions related to stretch codes, environmental justice, and the overall commitment to a net-zero economy.

We look forward to congratulating you again upon final passage of this important bill and, more importantly, ACES members stand ready to work with you, your colleagues and the Baker Administration to implement the various measures in S.9 to ensure its promise is delivered to the people and companies of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

/s/ Deborah Donovan

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cc: The Honorable Michael Barrett, Massachusetts Senate
The Honorable Thomas Golden, Massachusetts House of Representatives