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Martin Suuberg, Commissioner Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection One Winter Street Boston, MA

Dear Commissioner Suuberg,

In Kain v. Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court determined that the Global Warming Solutions Act requires the Department of Environmental Protection to set mandatory and enforceable limits on some sources of global warming pollution.

In no sector is the need for new limits on emissions more acute than in transportation. Pollution from cars, trucks and other vehicles is the largest source of global warming pollution in the state of Massachusetts, responsible for over 40 percent of our annual emissions. It is also the one sector of our economy where total emissions have actually grown since 1990.

We believe it is critical that the state's response to the SJC decision in Kain v. DEP include binding and enforceable limits on emissions in the transportation sector as a whole.

We have the technologies available to reduce transportation emissions. Electric vehicles, efficiency, public transportation, clean fuels, carbon pricing and communities designed to support walking and biking can all help cut emissions and achieve the state's climate limits. New specific limits on transportation emissions will ensure that we use all these tools and create new approaches to help us accelerate progress.

Thank you for your consideration.

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