

City Clerk

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 16, 1980

Mayor Francis H. Duehay
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mayor Duehay:

As you may know, on April 10, 1980, I presented a blueprint for Massachusetts economic policy based on the energy constraints imposed by the lack of fossil fuels in our oil dependent state. I believe the least expensive source of supply is to be found through conservation and energy efficiency. However, in the national energy plan for reducing our country's dependency on foreign oil, one important sector had been neglected: the local community. In order to include this vital sector I filed the Community Energy Act which has been incorporated into an administration bill as the Energy Management Partnership Act (EMPA). This measure has recently passed the Senate and House version is pending action.

Community initiatives need not and should not wait for federal action. Low cost and no cost measures are currently being planned or implemented by many Massachusetts communities because efficient energy management makes good economic sense.

I am pleased to hear of and participate in the regional workshops sponsored by the Executive Office of Communities and Development and the Executive Office of Energy Resources. These workshops will provide information skills and strategies to local communities interested in sponsoring community energy projects. I consider these workshops an important means of exchanging information, therefore, a member of my staff will attend each workshop to gather input from the participating communities across the state and to respond to questions concerning the Energy Management Partnership Act.

Information on the workshop schedule is enclosed. If you have other questions on the workshop agenda, Steve Cowell, Office of Citizen Participation, 727-4258, will be pleased to respond. If you have any questions regarding the Massachusetts Plan or the Energy Management Partnership Act, please call my Boston office at 223-1890.

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The knowledge and skills acquired through these workshops can help displace gallons of foreign oil and improve the Commonwealth's economic viability. I encourage you to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", written in dark ink.

PAUL E. TSONGAS
United States Senator

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Enclosure

COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGNS

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

PLANNING SURVEY

Name _____

Organizational Affiliation(if any) _____

Business Address _____

Telephone _____

1. I am interested in attending one of the following workshops:
(check one)

___ Sept. 18	Western Mass.	Northampton
___ Sept. 23	Northeastern Mass.	Haverhill
___ Sept. 27	Central Mass.	Fitchburg
___ Sept. 30	Southeastern Mass.	Plymouth
___ Oct. 4	Boston Area	To be announced

2. I am interested in helping to organize a community energy project in my neighborhood/community and would like to know of any efforts in my area:

___ Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure

3. The following energy conservation techniques will be presented as basic approaches for community campaigns. Check which approach most interests you.

___ Audits
___ Financing conservation
___ Consumer education
___ Low-cost/no-cost

Citizen Participation skills will be presented in small groups based on geographic area or community.

4. I would like to see the following topics covered which have not been mentioned above (please specify):

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room 60; Boston Mass. 02108

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