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September 19, 1991

Senator Michael LoPresti
Room 413A
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator LoPresti:

This is to inform you that the Cambridge City Council at its meeting of Monday, September 16, 1991 went on record in support of House Bill # 2086 entitled **AN ACT TO REDUCE THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT BY PROMOTING CLEAN AND EFFICIENT ENERGY RESOURCES.**

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Senator Michael J. Barrett
Room 405
State House
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Dear Senator Barrett:

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Representative Peter A. Vellucci
Room 167D
State House
Boston, MA 02133

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Representative Alvin E. Thompson
Room 167
State House
Boston, MA 02133

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Representative David B. Cohen
Room 20
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Cohen:

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August 1, 1991

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Dear friend,

With your support, we could keep hundreds of millions of dollars from draining out of the Massachusetts economy each year. We could lower energy bills for our cities, towns and state government. We could improve our national security. And we could reduce harmful environmental emissions.

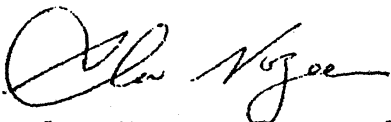
With the Persian Gulf war only a few months behind us, we are already in danger of forgetting the risks posed by our increasing dependence on imported oil. And the state may again miss an important opportunity to lessen that dependence by cutting energy waste.

We are therefore asking for your active support for a critical piece of state legislation: H. 2086, the Energy Efficiency/Greenhouse Reduction Bill. By reducing energy waste, this bill would have enormous benefits for both our economy and our environment.

The bill's comprehensive provisions for improving energy efficiency are described in the attached fact sheet. As you will note, the bill's main thrust is to create new financial incentives for improving the efficiency of new cars and buildings. Importantly, the legislation has been drafted so that it will produce no net cost to the Commonwealth, but instead will save money for the state and its citizens. It will make it easier for local and state government to reduce energy bills by contracting with energy service companies.

At the same time, the bill would reduce the air emissions which cause acid rain, smog and the greenhouse effect. It would reduce the need to build more power plants and power lines.

H. 2086 has passed the House each of the last two years. This year, however, it has been bottled up in the Taxation Committee. Getting it moving will require your support, and the support of other respected citizen leaders. Please return the enclosed endorsement form -- and write your state representative today in support of the Energy Efficiency/Greenhouse Reduction bill. Thanks.



Alan Noguee, Energy Program
Director, MASSPIRG

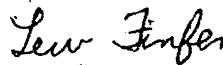
Sincerely,



Judy Shupe, Legislative Director
Environmental Lobby of Mass.



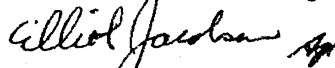
Stephen Burrington, Staff Atty.
Conservation Law Foundation



Lew Finfer, Exec. Dir., Mass.
Affordable Housing Alliance



Stephen Cowell, President
Conservation Services Group



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Alan Noguee

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THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY/GREENHOUSE REDUCTION BILL -- H. 2086

An Act Reducing the Greenhouse Effect by Promoting
Clean and Efficient Energy Resources
Chief Sponsor: Rep. David Cohen

The Problem:

Massachusetts is very dependent on oil and other fossil fuels -- burning the equivalent of over 170 million barrels of oil in 1989. Burning fossil fuels causes smog and acid rain, and produces carbon dioxide (CO2). CO2 traps the heat of the sun and causes the "greenhouse effect," which scientists believe may lead to global warming.

A Solution -- Improving Energy Efficiency Will:

- * Reduce dependence on imported oil. A one mile per gallon increase in state auto fuel efficiency would save 138 million gallons per year.
- * Reduce air and water pollution and the threat of global warming;
- * Increase our economic competitiveness -- by saving money for Massachusetts consumers, businesses and taxpayers.

The Energy Efficiency/Greenhouse Bill Would:

- * Reduce the sales tax on the most fuel-efficient cars and light trucks within each size class -- to as low as zero percent -- and raise the sales tax for gas-guzzlers to as high as 10 percent. Tax rates would be adjusted to keep total vehicle sales tax revenues the same over time.
- * Provide developers of large new energy-efficient buildings with rebates, financed by fees on energy-wasting new buildings.
- * Establish a home energy rating system for all new homes, and a voluntary program for existing homes. Banks would be encouraged to provide favorable mortgage terms for efficient homes.
- * Reduce energy waste in government buildings by requiring energy efficient lighting and encouraging energy management contracts -- thereby decreasing energy costs in state and local government budgets.
- * Strengthen enforcement of state building code energy provisions.
- * Require state agencies to purchase vehicles with above-average fuel efficiency.
- * Require combustion efficiency tests whenever oil burners are tuned up, substantially altered or replaced.

Endorsers (partial list): American Lung Assn., Better Home Heat Council, Boston Edison, Boston Oil Consumers Alliance, Conservation Services Group, Conservation Law Foundation, Energy Conservation Coalition, Environmental Lobby of Mass., Honeywell, Mass. Affordable Housing Alliance, Mass. Audubon, Mass. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions, MASSPIRG, Mass. Public Health Assoc., New England Electric.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE GREENHOUSE REDUCTION BILL - H. 2086
AUTOMOBILE EFFICIENCY PROVISIONS

Do automobiles contribute significantly to the Greenhouse Effect?

Cars and trucks produce as much as 25% of Massachusetts carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. CO2 is the most important greenhouse gas, contributing to more than half the total greenhouse effect.

Shouldn't global warming be addressed internationally?

Of course. But international action can only consist of each local, state and national government doing what it can. The auto companies recently fought and defeated federal steps to improve auto efficiency. Massachusetts and other states must now become leaders in improving auto efficiency. Ontario, Canada recently adopted a variable rebate/sales tax based on auto efficiency. A similar bill was passed in California but vetoed by the Governor. Auto efficiency incentives are also being considered in several other states.

Will the auto provisions of H. 2086 be effective?

H. 2086 establishes cash incentives for consumers to buy more efficient cars. Auto companies know incentives influence consumer decisions -- that's why they put so much emphasis on rebates.

How will the bill affect auto manufacturers?

The bill imposes no requirements on companies to change their products. Since total sales taxes do not increase or decrease, the bill should have no overall effect on auto sales. And since U.S. manufacturers actually produce more efficient cars than international competitors in most size classes, the bill should also not affect domestic car sales.

How will the bill affect Massachusetts auto dealers?

It should help them. Since the sales tax is paid on registration, buyers of gas-guzzlers will not benefit from shopping out-of-state. Those who wish to buy efficient cars, however, could pay lower taxes than they now do in Massachusetts or in other states.

Is the bill fair to consumers and taxpayers?

Yes. Those who choose to buy efficient cars can actually receive a tax break. Those who choose gas-guzzlers -- and thus contribute more to the global warming problem -- will have to contribute more to solving the problem. That is the fairest way to solve our environmental problems -- and prevent them from getting worse.

By basing the sales tax on a comparison of EPA mileage ratings among vehicles within a size class, the bill avoids giving an incentive to people to buy smaller cars than they otherwise would. Auto companies have said that this system is a fairer way to implement a sliding-scale sales tax than basing the tax on the mileage rating alone.

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Better Home Heat Council
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New England Electric System

Consumer

Boston Oil Consumers Alliance
Citizen/Labor Energy Coalition
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Environmental

Center for Ecological Technology
Clean Water Action
Conservation Law Foundation
Energy and Environmental Study Institute
Environmental Action
Environmental Lobby of Massachusetts (ELM)
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Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG)
National Audubon Society
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
New Alchemy Institute
Renew America Project
Sierra Club (national)
United States Public Interest Research Group

Health

American Lung Association
Mass. Public Health Association

Housing

Mass. Affordable Housing Alliance

Media

Boston Globe
Cape Cod Times
WCVB-TV Channel 5 (variable auto sales tax)

Academic

Over 600 endorsers from faculty and administrators at
Massachusetts colleges and universities.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY/GREENHOUSE REDUCTION BILL

WHEREAS "An Act to Reduce the Greenhouse Effect by Promoting Clean and Efficient Energy Resources" (H. 2086), sponsored by Rep. David Cohen, would provide important new incentives to improve energy efficiency of automobiles and buildings which would:

- * reduce Massachusetts dependence on imported oil;
- * cut smog, acid rain, and greenhouse gases which scientists believe threaten the earth with global warming;
- * make the state economy more efficient and more competitive, by reducing energy costs to business and consumers;
- * save money for the Commonwealth and its taxpayers by reducing energy waste in government buildings and agencies;

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUPPORT immediate passage of this comprehensive legislation, including:

- * lowering the sales tax for fuel efficient vehicles to as low as zero percent, while raising the tax for gas-guzzlers within each size class to as high as 10 percent;
- * providing rebates to developers of energy efficient large new buildings, financed by fees on new energy-wasting buildings;
- * creating a home energy rating system for all new homes, and a voluntary program for existing homes;
- * requiring energy efficient lighting and encouraging energy management contracts in government buildings.

Signature

Name (Please print)

Title

Affiliation (indicate if for identification purposes only)

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Please send to: Brian Cusack, MASSPIRG, 29 Temple Pl., Boston, MA 02111
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August 1, 1991

Dear Endorser,

Thank you for your endorsement of House bill 2086, An Act to Reduce the Greenhouse Effect by Promoting Clean and Efficient Energy Resources. Below is a sample letter to Speaker of the House Charles Flaherty. The purpose of the letter is to encourage him to move this bill quickly through the House, and my request is that you send your version of this letter to Speaker Flaherty AND to your own Representative as soon as possible.

This critical bill died two steps from enactment last year, and we simply cannot afford for that to happen again this year. The key to passage this year will be letting Speaker Flaherty know that the entire state wants this legislation passed into law. Your letter will help send that message.

The Honorable Charles Flaherty, Speaker of the House
The State House
Boston, MA 02133

Date

Dear Speaker Flaherty:

I am writing to request that you push the Energy Efficiency\Greenhouse Reduction bill (H.2086) through the House quickly. We need bold action from the Legislature not only to save money for the Commonwealth, but also to protect our precious natural resources. As Speaker of the House, you are in a position to help this bill move. We need your leadership.

Energy efficiency can help bring renewed prosperity in the Commonwealth. This bill helps bring that about through incentives to consumers to purchase more efficient cars, improved efficiency in state buildings and in large new buildings and homes.

Increased energy efficiency, particularly through the auto efficiency incentives, also reduces our dependence on foreign oil, a very important consideration in this time of international unease.

The bill passed the House last year, but stalled in the Senate. Please help it move through the House quickly this year.

Thanks for your time and help. Please let me know where you stand on this bill and whether you will be able to help move it along through the House.
(Don't forget to include your name, affiliation, and address.)

Thanks for your help!!!

Sincerely,

Brian P. Cusack

Clip and mail back to MASSPIRG once you have mailed your letters to Rep. Flaherty and to your own Representative.

Yes, I've sent letters to Rep. Flaherty and my own Rep.!

Name _____ Address _____

Organization _____

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Comm. from MASSPIRG requesting support
of H. 2086 the Energy Efficiency/
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In City Council,

Sept. 16, 1991

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