

Governor Maura Healey  
Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon St.  
Office of the Governor, Room 280  
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Dear Governor Healey,

As environmental and business leaders, municipal officials, scientists, and health professionals, we applaud your commitment to addressing the climate crisis. To protect our families, communities, and environment from the impacts of global warming, we must transition Massachusetts to clean energy. We are pleased to see that you have made climate policy a priority in the early weeks of your administration, including the appointment of the state's first-ever Climate Chief, and we look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

We hope you will make solar energy a key part of Massachusetts' strategy to address climate change. **Today, we are asking you to set a target of installing 10 gigawatts of solar capacity — the equivalent of one million solar roofs — by 2030.**

When we power our lives with solar energy, our air will be cleaner, our families will be healthier, and we'll help prevent the worst impacts of global warming. Installing solar in our neighborhoods, along with energy storage, can make our grid more reliable and our communities more resilient while reducing energy costs for families, businesses, and local governments.

One million solar roofs is an ambitious goal, but it is within reach. Between 2012 and 2021, the amount of solar energy generated in Massachusetts increased by more than 17 times. If we increase solar by just another 2.5 times by 2030, we'll have enough solar panels to cover a million roofs.

During your campaign, you expressed support for installing 10 gigawatts of solar by 2030. Now that you are our governor, we ask you to reiterate this commitment and do everything in your power to accelerate the growth of solar energy. Specifically, we ask you to:

- Eliminate unnecessary roadblocks standing in the way of solar projects;
- Ensure adequate and fair compensation for solar energy generation;
- Incentivize solar installations on parking lots, brownfields, rooftops, and other sites that are already developed; and
- Expand access to solar for all Massachusetts residents.

**We ask that you make this commitment within the first 100 days of your administration, by April 15th, 2023.** Thank you for considering our request, and we look forward to working with you and your administration to make Massachusetts a national leader for solar energy.

Sincerely,

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