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Dear Secretary Bowles and Commissioner Giudice:

We write to follow-up our letter, dated August 7, 2009. The Clean Energy Biofuels Act of 2008 (the Act) represents a unique opportunity for Massachusetts to diversify its fuel supply and to help foster growth in the advanced biofuel sector, and as such we are anxious to see full implementation of the program this year.

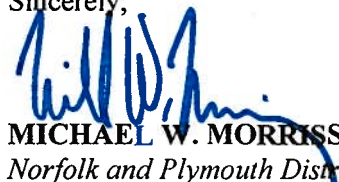
As you may recall, the Act requires all participating fuels to demonstrate a 50% greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction over petroleum. This directive was included by the Legislature for two critical reasons:

- To mirror federal GHG standards for the expanded Renewable Fuel Standard program (RFS2) so the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) could seamlessly import those protocols; and
- To institute a program in Massachusetts with a demonstrated carbon benefit.

We applaud the statements from top Massachusetts energy regulators over the past year indicating that DOER intended to adopt the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) GHG standards once they were available for review. The EPA released its final rule for the RFS2 on February 3, 2010. Accordingly, we strongly urge DOER to use the EPA GHG protocols for implementation of the Act. Further, we encourage regulators to develop a final rule that allows for the program to begin, as scheduled, in July 2010.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, as well as your continued leadership on strong energy policies to reduce carbon emissions, enhance economic development opportunities and protect public health in the Commonwealth. We look forward to your response; please do not hesitate to contact any of our offices if we can provide you with additional information on this matter of great interest.

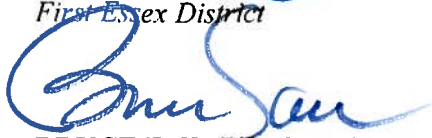
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