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The Honorable Charles D. Baker
Governor
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Re: AIM comments related to H.4857 - *An Act to Advance Clean Energy*

Dear Governor Baker:

On July 31, 2018, the Legislature enacted H.4857 - *An Act to Advance Clean Energy*. The bill is on your desk for signature.

Associated Industries of Massachusetts urges you to sign H.4857.

The following provisions are included in H.4857:

- Significantly increases the renewable portfolio standard over the next decade;
- Institutes a clean-peak standard;
- Adds a new 1,000-Megawatt storage target on Electric Distribution Companies;
- Allows the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to determine the need for additional long-term off shore wind contracts (up to 1,600MW); and
- Requires DOER to do a feasibility study on mobile battery units to provide emergency outage relief.


Many of the items contained in H.4857 continue the success of last session's landmark Energy Diversity Act and address priorities of your administration.

H.4857 is a measured approach to energy policy. It changes only those programs that needed changing without disrupting newly established programs before they have had a chance to work. It will reduce greenhouse-gas emissions in Massachusetts while being considerate of our high electric prices.

AIM supports H.4857 and we urge you to sign it at your earliest convenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,


Richard Lord
President and CEO

cc: Matthew Beaton, Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs
Kristen Lepore, Chief of Staff to the Governor