

A resolution in support of S 9 An Act to create a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy

Whereas, Massachusetts passed the Global Warming Solutions Act in August 2008 and,

Whereas, The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has issued its fifth report in 2014 showing data required deep cuts in carbon emissions to prevent catastrophic warming and,

Whereas, The U.S. Global Change Research Program has released The National Climate Assessment-Impacts, Risks, and Adaption in the United States confirming climate change is happening now and,

Whereas, current data shows climate change is happening faster than models had predicted requiring implementation of net-zero by 2050 and,

Whereas, climate science now tells us we have only 9 years left to significantly address carbon emissions to escape the worst impacts of climate change, and

Whereas, the House and Senate have passed this bill three times in one form or another and,

Whereas, the Governor's amendments would weaken the legislation in 3 critical provisions,

The 2030 and 2040 emission targets

The sector emission sublimits

The net zero stretch building code

Be it resolved, The Framingham Democratic Committee supports the override of the Governors' amendments with exception of improved environmental justice language,

Be it further resolved, The Framingham Democratic Committee authorizes the Chair to forward this resolution to the following members of House and Senate.

Suggested recipients

Speaker of the House Ron Mariano

Representative Carmine Gentile

Representative Maria Robinson

Representative Jack Lewis

President of the Senate Karen Spilka