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From: Kelsey Wirth <kelseydwirth@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 1:05 PM
To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: writing in support of Order #18

Dear Cambridge City Council and Clerk,

As a resident, tax payer and voter of Cambridge, I am writing to urge you to support Order #18 to switch the city of Cambridge from using a conventional blend of fossil fuel-based electricity to 100% renewable energy for all municipal operations.

Today, we face a climate crisis. If we choose to stay on our current path with our dependence on fossil fuels, we are condemning our children and grandchildren to an frightening future that will be characterized by more droughts, more extreme storms (like the ones that have practically brought the city of Boston to its knees this winter), heat waves, sea level rise and flooding, and all the associated human suffering and economic pain. If we, however, take steps to transition away from fossil fuels - **by supporting Order #18** - we can protect our kids from the worst impacts of climate change.

Cambridge should immediately end its contract with TransCanada and stop doing business with a company that engages in the extraction of the dirtiest fossil fuels on the planet.

And the City Council and Clerk should ask our City Manager to investigate how the city can meet its energy needs with 100% renewables, and then report back on his findings.

Mothers across the Commonwealth, as part of Mothers Out Front, are switching their households over to 100% renewable energy to meet electricity needs. Cities like Cambridge should be making this same commitment.

Thank you for taking this important step to protect our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

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