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From: Ginger Ryan [gingerryan11@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 12:56 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Please support Resolution #18

Dear City Councillors,

I am writing to ask you to support Resolution #18. City Councillor Dennis Carlone proposed this resolution that calls for the City Council to not renew its contract with Transcanada and to contract with a different supplier that can provide electricity from 100% renewable sources to municipal buildings. My husband and I have raised our two children, now 22 and 25, in Cambridge. My worries about what sort of future we have bequeathed them and all of the world's children by not seriously confronting the impact of climate change is what keeps me up at night and why I am a member of Mothers Out Front.

Last Thursday the Senate voted 62 to 36 in favor of the Keystone XL Pipeline a project of Transcanada, the current supplier of our municipal electricity. We can waste no more time in building fossil fuel infrastructure – the Keystone XL pipeline or the Kinder Morgan and Spectra pipelines here in Massachusetts. If we are to avoid catastrophic climate change, we must keep 80% of the known fossil fuel reserves in the ground. The time to “switch” to renewable sources of energy was yesterday. We clearly cannot depend on National leadership to make decisions about energy with people in mind. We must instead depend on Local leaders such as you to make bold decisions that put our children's future before the profits of oil and gas companies.

As our leaders, you have the chance to take a significant step towards making a sustainable future for all of our city's children by voting to support Resolution #18. When your children, your grandchildren or the young people of this city ask you what you did to prevent climate catastrophe, you will be able to answer--when you had the chance to make a difference --you took it. You will have other chances which I trust you will also take, and your approval of Resolution #18 will inspire other cities and towns to take action as well.

Thank you for all that you do for all of us fortunate enough to live in Cambridge.

Sincerely,

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