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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 1:07 PM
To: City Council; Lopez, Donna
Subject: Please PASS Policy Order #18 - 100% renewable energy

Dear City Councillors,

My name is Beth Adams. I am a resident of Cambridge, and mother of two young boys. I am also a member of Mothers Out Front: Mobilizing for a Livable Climate.

I am writing today to stress the *importance* of passing Policy 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 (i.e. city buildings, schools, street lights, etc.) rather than referring it to committee for further study.

I am well aware of the urgency of the climate situation and profoundly concerned about the future of my boys and all children on the planet. According to the world's leading climate scientists, world emissions need to peak *this year* in order for us to have a *chance* to stay below a 2 degree C rise in temp. We are at "decade zero" and are on the verge of irreversible climate change. What we do (or don't do) during this decade will determine the fate of my children. It horrifies me to think that my children may live in a world that we made hostile and dangerous. I know that my children will bear the consequences of our actions, or inactions.

Ending the contract with TransCanada is taking a moral stand against the dirtiest, most toxic and inefficient fossil fuels. Tarsands, which if it is extracted much further, is "game over" for the planet.

Asking the City Manager to investigate alternatives with 100% clean renewable energy and to report back to the city council is a straightforward request. When the City Manager reports back, then there will be further discussion about alternatives for the new contract.

By choosing clean renewable energy, we are *filling* the grid with more clean electricity & literally pushing fossil fuels *off* the grid. You can make a difference.

I ask you to PASS Policy Order #18. It will bring us one step closer to tackling the most pressing issue of our time: climate change. You can lead and others will follow. The time to act is NOW. The energy choices we make today will determine our children's future.

With hope,
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