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From: Rachel Wyon <r.wyon2010@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 19, 2015 at 5:27 PM
Subject: Policy Order #18 for Renewable energy for municipal electricity
To: "council@cambridgema.gov" <council@cambridgema.gov>

Dear City Council,

My name is Rachel Wyon. I am a mother and a member of Mothers Out Front. We need to make the transition NOW to renewable energy to show that Cambridge is part of the solution and not continue to contribute to the problem of climate change.

I am counting you you - my elected official - to support Policy Order #18 sponsored by Councillor Dennis Carlone.

This Policy Order has two asks that make sense because our city is committed to making the best choices for Cambridge and for the greater good:

1- End the contract with TransCanada: This means that we take a moral stand against the dirtiest, most toxic and inefficient of all fossil fuels - the Alberta Canada Tar Sands. If TransCanada has its way, the Keystone XL Pipeline will take this "oil" down to Texas to be refined and exported; this continued extraction is, according to Jim Hansen of NASA 'game over for the planet.' Cambridge can take this stand and refuse to renew the contract with TransCanada at the end of the current year.

2- Ask the City Manager to investigate alternatives with 100% renewables and to report back to the city council. This is a straightforward request. When the City Manager reports back, we will have the opportunity for further discussion about alternatives for the new contract. As you know, Cambridge is not the first city to take this bold step. We can learn from other cities and then Cambridge can be a leader in Massachusetts.

We owe it to ourselves, our children and our grandchildren to do everything we can to work NOW for a just transition to a green energy economy. If we don't demand renewable electricity, we will have fracked gas generated electricity because that is what is cheap (gas companies don't pay for the externalities) and easy to extract when there is no thought for the devastation of our land and water resources. Continued burning of fossil fuels adds to the CO2 in the atmosphere, causing the climate change we can see this very month in the extreme weather conditions. Every energy decision we make in 2015 will affect how we generate energy for decades to come. Now is the time to demand renewable energy for electricity.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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