

To the Arlington Board of Selectmen:

As you know, the climate crisis continues to worsen, and we urgently need to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, not increase them. One of the most effective strategies for doing so is to actively oppose the creation of new pipelines that facilitate fossil fuel distribution and consumption. Mass Power Forward is circulating a letter addressed to the state legislature for mayors and members of boards of selectmen to sign stating opposition to new gas pipelines and the pipeline tax and stating support for renewable energy and reducing energy consumption. A copy of it is attached here.

This letter affirms our values and our practices as a community. It would be great if the Arlington Board of Selectman could sign on, after any necessary process to formalize that decision.

The deadline to sign on is January 20 in order to release it prior to the formal start of the Commonwealth's legislative session.

Thanks for considering this request. Any questions regarding the letter itself can be directed to Emily Kirkland whose contact information is below, and who is cc'd on this email.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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