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Re: Support for Electric Generation Transition Aid

Chair Gomez and Members of the House Taxes Committee

The Coalition of Utility Cities (CUC) submits this letter in support of the inclusion of electric generation transition aid in the House Omnibus Tax Bill, HF 1938. CUC is made up of seven member cities that host the state's largest baseload power plants. The plants we host make up anywhere from 30-75% of the tax base in our member communities and provide hundreds of high-quality jobs.

As the state moves toward a carbon-free future, many of the plants in our communities are now scheduled for retirement far sooner than was previously anticipated. The retirement of these facilities will have massive impacts on our communities. We are working actively to overcome these transitions, and to develop a future for our communities beyond the lives of the plants. These transitions are of such an incredible scale that we need our partnership with the state to come through them while minimizing the impacts on our residents.

The transition aid in this bill is the most impactful thing the state can do to support our communities, and there is urgency to this program. The City of Becker will see the retirement of Sherco unit 2 by the end of this year, with numerous other retirements in other communities following shortly after.

Again, thank you for the inclusion of this proposal in your bill and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you moving forward.

Sincerely,

Max Peters  
Director of City Operations/Finance Director, City of Cohasset  
President, Coalition of Utility Cities