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RE: Opposition to House Bill 3196, Senate Bill 2106 & Support of House Bill 3155 — Comments from Massachusetts Retail Energy Supplier Community

Chairman Barrett, Chairman Roy and Members of the TUE Committee,

The signatories to this letter appreciate your commitment to addressing consumer protections in the retail energy market and to supporting affordable, reliable, and clean energy generation in Massachusetts. We share your commitment to these issues, but are greatly concerned about two proposed bills, [House Bill 3196](#), sponsored by Rep. Frank Moran (D-17th Essex) and [Senate Bill 2106](#), sponsored by Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Third Essex), that would close the residential competitive retail energy market in Massachusetts.

The retail supplier community supports keeping residential retail markets open *and* establishing greater regulatory oversight and consumer protections in the market. With that in mind, we support and encourage passage of [House Bill 3155](#), sponsored by Rep. Tacky Chan, which addresses the concerns that lawmakers and state leaders alike have identified in Massachusetts' residential retail energy market.

Almost half a million Massachusetts residents are enrolled with a competitive supplier. Last summer, more than 1,200 customers signed a [petition](#) urging their legislator to oppose any market closure and protect their right to access the variety of products available from retail energy suppliers. Analyses show that if all utility ratepayers shopped for the best deal for electricity, residents would have saved over \$1.1 billion between November 2022 and April 2023. In addition to cost-savings, petition signees cited renewable energy products, price predictability, and the value of choice in their support for maintaining a residential retail energy market.

Strong consumer protections and smart regulation are the foundation of a healthy competitive retail market. We request you consider evaluating the market for opportunities for improvement before considering market closure and the removal of competition and choice that benefit so many residents.

The undersigned organizations are committed to maintaining the residential retail energy market in Massachusetts. We appreciate your consideration of their request and perspectives as you review this legislation.

