



**Massachusetts**

# **Interfaith Power & Light**

*honors*

## **Rep. Frank Israel Smizik**

*with our “Prophetic Witness for the Commonwealth” Award. Representative Smizik, representing Fifteenth Norfolk and the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, has brought forth legislation to reduce carbon dioxide emissions through participation in the regional greenhouse gas initiative, or “RGGI”. Seven governors have signed their states onto this global warming plan for the Northeast. RGGI would cut carbon dioxide emissions from electrical power plants and could become the most important climate protection policy in the United States to date. Governor Romney has kept Massachusetts from signing on to RGGI, but Rep. Smizik, working with Senator Pam Resor, has proposed a bill (Senate 2475) to require that Massachusetts joins RGGI. Thank you, Rep. Smizik, for recognizing that RGGI is a crucial opportunity for the Northeast to act as a region, when the federal government is not acting.*

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*Signed on this Twenty-sixth day of April 2006.*

