

Dear MIP&L members and friends,

Climate Impacts Worse Than Thought Contact Your Senator Today

Last Friday the Massachusetts Senate released its version of an "omnibus" energy bill, [S2372](#). We commend the Senate on including strong provisions that would add 2,000 megawatts of offshore wind; another 1,500 megawatts of onshore wind and other forms of renewable energy and provide that the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) increase the percentage of renewable energy in the state by 2% a year. It also would establish a home energy rating system so purchasers will know how much they'll spend on energy; and require home sellers to provide the results of an energy audit when a home is listed for sale.

The bill is much stronger than the previously passed House bill but can be improved. Senators have until noon on Thursday June 30th to submit amendments.

Call or write your Senator today and urge them to:

- Provide for economy-wide carbon pricing
- Prohibit public subsidies for new gas pipelines, and
- Fix our leaking gas pipelines

Call or write your Senator today and tell them that you support:

Sen. Pat Jehlen's amendment prohibiting a gas pipeline tax. A report by the Analysis Group commissioned by Attorney General Healey last November concluded that Massachusetts doesn't need new gas pipelines. Requiring ratepayers to pay for new gas pipelines is unprecedented;

Sen. Jamie Eldredge's amendment to include and strengthen the gas leaks repair policies included in the House energy bill by adding worker safety provisions; and

Sen. Mike Barrett's economy-wide carbon pricing amendment. It will tie closely to his original bill, S.1747, while giving the administration additional flexibility to set fees that get us to our legally-required carbon pollution reduction targets.

The just released [Climate Ready Boston Study](#) commissioned by the City of Boston finds that the impacts of climate change on Boston will be worse than previously thought. Among its findings:

- Boston's heat-induced mortality rate may triple over the next three decades;
- Temperatures in 2070 could exceed 90 degrees for 90 days a year;
- Relative sea level increases of between 3.2 ft. and 7.4 ft. are likely by the year 2100.

Call or email your state senator today! We need the strongest possible energy bill.

To find out who your senator is [click here](#).

Join The People Over Pipelines March — July 14–18



With the climate crisis growing more serious by the day, we need leadership, and we need bold action. And it's going to have to come from us.

This summer, we're partnering with 350 Mass and Mass Power Forward on a 43-mile, five-day march against new gas pipelines. From July 14th to 18th, we'll walk along the route of Spectra's proposed Access Northeast pipeline and past the proposed Weymouth compressor station. We'll stand with our allies at Resist the Pipeline to stop construction in West Roxbury. And then we'll march to the State House itself.

Join us for a mile. Join us for ten miles. Or join us for all 43. One way or another, you won't want to miss it.

[Register here](#).

Stop the West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline



About 90 people demonstrated in opposition to the West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline on June 23d and according to the group [Resist the Pipeline](#), 26 were arrested. Some protesters sat on the edge of the hole that will house the 16-inch steel pipe and others held signs opposing the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure. The proposed location of a high pressure natural gas pipeline on Grove Street is in a residential neighborhood across the street from a rock quarry which is the site of frequent dynamite blasts. Residents are concerned that a rupture could result in a catastrophic explosion.

Ongoing acts of civil disobedience have been taking place at the site since the fall of 2015. Sixteen Clergy from different faiths were arrested at the site in May.

[Click here](#) to see a moving video of that protest.

Harvard Study Shows Major Health Savings from Clean Power Plan

New Options Available for States



[A new study by the Harvard School of Public Health](#) concludes that the EPA Clean Power Plan establishing carbon standards for power plants will result in total health benefits of \$29 billion by lowering carbon dioxide and other forms of air pollution.

[This video](#) from Vanderbilt University explains how a reduction in carbon pollution reduces respiratory and cardiac illnesses and potentially decreases cancer rates.

EPA has expanded state options under the [Clean Energy Incentive Program](#) including solar projects implemented to serve low-income populations.

Heating and Cooling Equipment Rebates Available Now



Have you seen Mass Save's heating and cooling system rebate? You might be eligible for the [Early Heating & Cooling Equipment Replacement Rebate](#) to upgrade your system to a high-efficiency one and cut down on your energy consumption. Rebates of up to \$3,500 are available!

There are rebates available to:

- Replace your older heating system;
- Install a [high efficiency heat pump](#);
- Install central air conditioning.

Schedule an appointment with [MassSave](#) or call them at 866-527-7283 to verify eligibility.



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&
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PLEASE DONATE TODAY

Mass. Interfaith Power & Light provides a faith based response to global warming by helping people and faith communities to lower their carbon footprints and by advocating for public policies that fulfill our moral responsibility to create a sustainable future.

Please help us carry out this critical mission by going to [www.MIPandL.org](#), clicking on the DONATE button and making a secure, fully tax deductible donation.

Peace and blessings,

Your friends at MIP&L