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The Honorable Charles Baker
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

*Re: S.2995, An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for
Massachusetts Climate Policy*

Dear Governor Baker,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of myself and District Attorneys Harrington, Morrissey, Rollins and Sullivan.

We would like to express our strong support for *S.2995, An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy*.

The important provisions and goals encompassed within this legislation are consistent with all of our efforts to work to enhance safety and to create equity within the many diverse communities and neighborhoods across the Commonwealth.

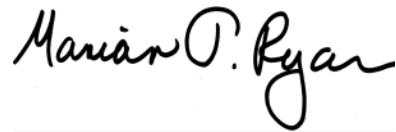
This legislation is needed now more than ever. As we are certain you are aware, climate has long been associated with trends in incidents of criminal activity. See Ryan D Harp and Kristopher B Karnauskas *Environ. Res. Lett.* 15 034039 (2020), Global warming to increase violent crime in the United States (“The link between weather and crime has drawn the attention of the fields of criminology and sociology since the mid-19th century”). Similarly, environmental conditions are intertwined with inequality, economic standing and other factors that lead to crime. See Hsiang et al., *Science* 356, 1362-1369 (2017), Estimating Economic Damage from Climate Changed in the United States (“Because losses are largest in regions that are already poorer on average, climate change tends to increase preexisting inequality in the United States”). Economic deprivation and insecurity cause increases in crimes like larceny and robbery to satisfy economic needs. These pressures



also intensify anxiety and impact social interactions which may lead to domestic violence and other assaultive behaviors.

We sincerely hope that you will sign this important legislation into law. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



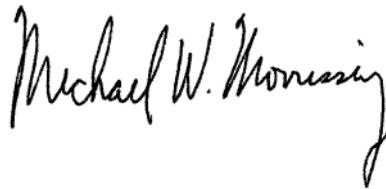
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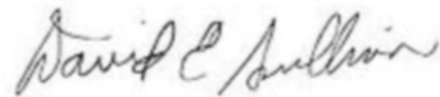
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