Massachusetts Sierra Club Chapter Political Committee Needs Volunteers

Dear Aileen,

The Mass Sierra Club Chapter Political Committee Needs Volunteers. Join us on Friday, July 10, 2015, 6:30 pm, doors open at 6, $7.50/night. We will examine the political climate and the national, state, and local political landscape in preparation for the general election in November.

Please RSVP to Laurie McGinnis, laurie@sierraclub.org.

Sincerely,

Debbie Cook
Chapter Political Committee Co-Chair

Let's Stop Paying Utilities for Leaked Gas

By requiring the utilities to pay for the leaked gas, they will have a greater incentive to prevent leaks, reduce costs, and reduce emissions. Massachusetts has the technology and the expertise to make this work. In 2015, the governor signed Executive Order No. 562, which directed the Department of Public Utilities to create a new rate structure for the Public Utilities, to make the Commonwealth the first to advance ratepayer incentives for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from leaking gas mains.

We Write to Senator Markey and Your Representative

Tell Senator Markey and your Representative that we need to act now to pass S.890 and H.R.1814. This legislation, which passed both chambers of Congress, would require the utilities to pay for the gas leaks and would protect the public. The bill will expire in September unless reauthorized by Congress. We need co-sponsors for S.890 and H.R.1814. If interested, contact David Rudolph cpc@sierraclubmass.org.

Contact Your Legislator

Today is the全国 Clean Air and Water Day. We are hitting the ceiling + need your help NOW to lift the solar net metering cap. Call your legislators and urge them to support H.2852 and Senate Bill 1770.

We Write to Senators Warren and Markey and Governor Baker

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Time to Divest Fossil Fuel Stocks

Nothing says 'we believe in climate change' more loudly than your investments. We are seeing how the industries that fuel the climate crisis are also fueling inequality and injustice. The Sierra Club is working with NextGen Climate, 350.org, and other groups to divest public and private money from fossil fuels. If you want to lift the net metering cap, let your legislators know. If you want to lift the ceiling, make your voice heard. If you want to do both, contact your legislators and say, "We need a new rate structure to account for the cost of gas leaks. We need a new net metering cap to give solar companies the ability to grow."

Ensure your legacy by making a gift to the Massachusetts Sierra Club in your will or trust by beneficiary designation. Planned gifts are particularly important to the Chapter as they provide significant resources to assist our work.

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Tell Governor Baker: Massachusetts must continue to lead, not follow:

In Massachusetts, our law requires the utilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from leaking gas mains. It is a federal requirement to reduce emissions, and yet many states have failed to reduce emissions from leaking gas mains. Massachusetts is leading the nation in clean and renewable energy, and we are the nation's leader in clean and renewable energy. We are hitting the ceiling, + need your help NOW to lift the solar net metering cap.

The Sierra Club testified before the Public Utilities Commission, supporting the Public Utilities Commission's 2013 ruling that requires the utilities to pay for the gas leaks. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen. We need to pass the legislation to make this happen.

The Sierra Club was established in 1892 as a grassroots, citizen-based organization to protect the nation's natural resources. Our more than 1 million members and supporters strive every day to protect and enjoy the natural beauty of our state. We work to lead the fight against climate change by supporting clean energy initiatives, protecting our public lands, and ensuring clean water and air.

For more information, contact Debbie Cook, debbie@sierraclub.org.