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Public Hearing on Climate Change Issues Scheduled for Monday, May 8th in Mashpee

Hosted by Senate President Pro Tempore Marc R. Pacheco and Senator Julian Cyr

(Boston, MA) – On Monday, May 8th the State Senate’s committee on Global Warming and Climate Change will host a public hearing in the Mashpee High School Auditorium from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. This hearing is part of the *Massachusetts Clean Energy Future Tour*, a new, statewide committee initiative on clean energy, climate change and constituent engagement. More details on the full tour can be found at: <https://malegislature.gov/cleanenergyfuture>

The *Massachusetts Clean Energy Future Tour* will consist of nine public hearings (the Mashpee hearing is the first one) in various communities across the Commonwealth, from the Berkshires to the Cape, to hear the thoughts and suggestions of constituents and stakeholders on clean energy and climate change issues. In these public hearings, committee members will hear the questions and suggestions of residents regarding clean energy and climate action in a forum-based fashion. As we begin our legislative session, this input is imperative to crafting policy and making sure we implement the proper legislation for Massachusetts.

“I’m thrilled that the first stop for the Clean Energy Future Tour is Cape Cod,” said Senator Cyr. “On the Cape, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket our communities are seeing the effects of climate change firsthand. There will be much to discuss in Mashpee on May 8th.”

“This tour is an answer to thousands of constituent conversations, calls and emails concerning the health and future of our local communities, our state, our country and our world as a whole,” said Senator Pacheco. “Our residents want a strong economy. They want clean air. They want clean water. They want decent surroundings. And most of all, they want a future for their kids. We need to craft legislation that reflects that. This tour will give us a perfect opportunity to hear from our communities who demand a clean energy future.”

"Massachusetts must continue to move towards a green energy future to build a sustainable environment, grow jobs and reduce carbon emissions to combat climate change," said Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst). "The Clean Energy Future Tour will allow the Committee to hear the thoughts and desires directly from our residents on how we achieve our energy goals."

Hearings will be hosted in Mashpee, Sudbury, Taunton, the Malden area and Weymouth during the month of May. Hearings will be hosted in the Berkshires, the Springfield area, the North Shore and Boston during the month of June.

Residents can also use social media to voice their thoughts. Tweet your energy and climate ideas to the committee at @MACleanFuture or use the hashtag #MACleanFuture.

For more information, visit the tour's website at www.malegislature.gov/cleanenergyfuture or call Senator Cyr's office at (617) 722-1570.

WHO: Senate President Pro Tempore Marc R. Pacheco, Senator Julian Cyr, and members of the State Senate's committee on Global Warming and Climate Change

WHAT: First public hearing of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Future Tour

WHERE: Mashpee High School Auditorium, 500 Old Barnstable Rd, Mashpee, MA 02649

WHEN: Monday, May 8th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

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