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Dear Massachusetts Clean Energy RFP Evaluation Team:

On behalf of the Maine Renewable Energy Association (MREA), this letter is meant to convey our support for Longroad Energy's bid for its 120MW Somerset Solar and 73MW Weaver Wind projects to offer their clean energy in response to the Commonwealth's Clean Energy RFP.

Currently New England is facing a host of significant challenges related to the reliable and affordable supply of electricity. Electricity prices in Maine and New England have shown tremendous volatility in recent years and the local utilities just substantially raised electric rates further. In short, many of the older power generating units in New England are retiring which is reducing the amount of available in-region power generation. Further, many natural gas plants are unable to obtain adequate fuel supplies to run on the coldest days. Members of the MREA, like Longroad Energy, are able to offer and transmit competitively priced clean and renewable electricity – while also providing the region with vital employment and economic benefits, and increased energy security and independence.

MREA is pleased to submit this letter in support of Longroad Energy's clean energy bid. If the Evaluation Team has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director