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Dear Representative,

We are writing to ask you to **sign on to a Dear Colleague letter currently being circulated by Chairman Frank Smizik (Brookline)**, urging the House Committee on Ways and Means to report out **S.2121, *An Act providing for the establishment of a comprehensive adaptation management plan in response to climate change* (CAMP)**. This legislation recently passed the Senate with unanimous support from legislators concerned about climate-related impacts such as flooding and sea level rise already affecting their districts.

Earth's 2015 surface temperatures were the warmest since modern record keeping began in 1880, according to independent analyses by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Massachusetts is increasingly vulnerable to climate-related risks to public safety and health, the economy, and our natural resources and lacks an integrated approach to addressing these risks.

S.2121 would require the Commonwealth to:

- Assess public safety, health, and economic vulnerabilities, using the best science;
- Develop an integrated plan to manage climate change impacts, informed by public-private stakeholders;
- Create two new programs to protect coastal areas and support regional and local planning (using existing resources);
- Ensure that state policy is consistent with “Smart Climate” science and practices.

Our organization supports CAMP as a member of the Massachusetts Climate Change Adaptation Coalition which is comprised of over [45 member organizations](#) representing businesses, engineers, architects, planners and conservationists.

Please contact us at any time if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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