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Hon. Marjorie Decker, House Chair
Joint Committee on Public Health
State House, Room 130
Boston, MA 02133

Hon. Joanne Comerford, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Public Health
State House, Room 413-C
Boston, MA 02133

Re: H2355 – An Act to reduce atmospheric pollution.

Dear Chair Decker and Chair Comerford,

I respectfully request that you favorably report H.1958 – *An Act to reduce atmospheric pollution*.

This bill would expand MGL Section 31C of Chapter 111 to include the imposition of a local surcharge on commercial parking spaces and/or a cap on the number of such spaces available in any city or town. This bill includes the requirement of all funds derived from such surcharges to be paid directly to the town to be used for air pollution abatement and improvements in transportation infrastructure. This bill would encourage the use of public transit and carpools in place of single-occupant vehicles in order to decrease congestion and improve air quality for all Massachusetts citizens.

If you have any questions about the bill, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay Livingstone".

Jay Livingstone
State Representative
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