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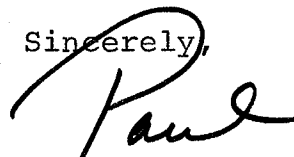
Dear Mr. Lemery:

As you may know, I have long been an advocate of maximizing indigenous energy resources. In The Massachusetts Plan: Through Survival to Stability, which I presented in April, 1980, I stated that "Every economic activity based on an indigenous energy resource...is for all intents and purposes secure from supply and price disruptions - and thus vitally stable." Expanding the use of resource recovery as an energy source for energy intensive industries or as a mechanism for producing electricity is one way Massachusetts can ensure reliable fuel supplies at relatively stable prices. The SEMASS facility in Rochester is an example of expanded use of waste for energy.

I understand that the project, based on successful facilities in Hamilton, Ontario, and Albany, New York, will reduce the volume of solid waste for disposal in landfill areas in the southeastern part of the state by converting it to saleable resources--steam and electricity. I am pleased and encouraged to hear of the long term contract signed by Commonwealth Electric Company to purchase power under the federal Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). It reflects a partnership that recycles waste generated by the consumer into a usable form--electricity.

Congratulations on the progress you have achieved to date by obtaining all of the necessary permits and licenses to proceed. The SEMASS facility can be a viable source of fuel for energy production and is recognized as such by the major producers of energy in the area. Please keep me informed as you enter the final stages of the project.

Sincerely,



PAUL E. TSONGAS
United States Senator

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