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Secretary Kathleen A. Theoharides
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Dear Secretary Theoharides,

It is with great regret that I submit my resignation, effectively immediately, from the position of Undersecretary for Climate Change in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

As Undersecretary for Climate Change, I have worked diligently to ensure the health and welfare of residents across Massachusetts in the face of the global climate crisis. Serving the people of Massachusetts as part of the Baker-Polito Administration has been the honor of a lifetime, and I am proud of the equitable climate solutions we achieved together.

I would like to apologize, again, for my comments at last month's Vermont Climate Council meeting. My inability to clearly communicate during that discussion reflected poorly on the Governor, on you, and on our hardworking staff. Although my comments were interpreted by some as placing the burden of climate change on hardworking families and vulnerable populations, my intent was the opposite. In the entirety of my remarks, and as I have elsewhere, I was urging caution in order to minimize such impacts out of a sincere concern that overly aggressive emissions targets may have unintended and harmful consequences on those we most need to protect.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you, the Governor, and the people of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David K. Ismay'.

David K. Ismay