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MassFiscal Pleased to See Controversial Climate Official Step Down MassFiscal Will Continue to Hold All Officials Accountable

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance made the following statement today following news that Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito's controversial Undersecretary for Climate Change, David Ismay, stepped down from his powerful position on Wednesday night. The climate official made national news after remarks surfaced on Friday that were first revealed on MassFiscal's <u>YouTube page</u>. You may watch <u>Friday's video by clicking here</u> and further comments posted in <u>Wednesday's video by clicking here</u>.

"MassFiscal is pleased to learn that the Baker and Polito administration's controversial climate official has stepped down from his powerful position. Unelected officials with that much power should never hold these types of views," said Paul Diego Craney, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance.

"MassFiscal will continue to hold state officials, both elected and unelected, accountable to their words and records. For the past year, we've continually warned the public regarding the dangerous amount of power being handed over to unelected bureaucrats through various climate initiatives such as the Transportation & Climate Initiative (TCI) and the pending climate bill. While we will likely see more and more stories like this moving forward, today's news is a positive testament of the important work MassFiscal does. We hope the general public will remain vigilant in holding the people in power accountable," continued Craney.

"The Baker and Polito administration now have an opportunity to select someone more in line with the thinking of the vast majority of Massachusetts residents to fill this powerful position, someone who doesn't prioritize ideological and bureaucratic goals over ordinary citizens," concluded Craney.

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Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance advocates for fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability in state government and increased economic opportunity for the people of our Commonwealth.