



## OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR

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Ms. Brenda Edwards  
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March 23, 2010

*Re: Petition of Massachusetts, Furnace Efficiency Standard EERE-BT-PET-0024*

Dear Ms. Edwards:

I submitted an order to the Cambridge City Council last night which had to be tabled until the next meeting due to unforeseen events. It will be adopted unanimously at the next meeting, but unfortunately not by the March 29 deadline. I am enclosing a copy of the order for the record.

I personally support of Massachusetts' Petition to Exempt from Federal Preemption Massachusetts' 90% Annual Fuel Efficiency ("AFUE") Standard for Non-weatherized Gas Furnaces, dated October 1, 2009 ("the Petition."). Energy is fast becoming one of the pressing issues of our time and as Chair of the National League of Cities' Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I support setting aggressive appliance standards, such as the one presented in the Petition.

Implementing the 90% AFUE standard is integral to Massachusetts meeting its GHG reduction goals and energy use priorities; it will save money for Massachusetts citizens; and it will serve as a model for other states and the nation as a whole. I strongly urge you to grant the Commonwealth's petition.

Sincerely,

Henrietta Davis  
Vice Mayor, City of Cambridge

Enc: Council order re Massachusetts petition EERE-BT-PET-0024

## CITY COUNCIL

## ☐☐ Policy Order Resolution

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 22, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

- WHEREAS: In January 2007 the Cambridge City Council adopted an order urging the U.S. Department of Energy to adopt a standard of 90% AFUE (the measure of furnace efficiency) in northern states because there are significant energy savings and reductions in carbon emissions by going to the 90% standard; and
- WHEREAS: The DOE instead adopted 80% AFUE; and
- WHEREAS: Massachusetts has filed a petition with the federal DOE asking to waive the federal preemption so that the 90% AFUE furnace efficiency standard adopted by the Massachusetts legislature in 2005 can be implemented; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urges the U.S. Department of Energy to support the Massachusetts's petition to exempt from federal preemption Massachusetts' 90% AFUE standard for non-weatherized gas furnaces (docket EERE-BT-PET-0024); and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit copies of the order by March 29, 2010 to Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, and also to the Cambridge legislative delegation, and the Massachusetts Energy office.

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