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## Hogan backs House effort committing Massachusetts to Paris Climate Agreement

**BOSTON-** Representative Kate Hogan joined her colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives to pass legislation that would commit Massachusetts to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals laid out in the Paris Climate Agreement. This action follows President Trump’s announcement this summer that the United States will withdraw from the historic international pact. Under the proposed law, Massachusetts would join the agreement as a “non-party stakeholder.”

“In the wake of President Trump’s misguided decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement, this bill sends a clear message that his directive doesn’t speak for Massachusetts or its residents,” said Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow). “I was proud to review and endorse this legislation during an October meeting of the ‘Trump Working Group’ – a group made up of myself and eight other House Democrats that assesses and responds to federal policies that may negatively impact Massachusetts residents – and I will continue working with my colleagues as we further solidify our state’s commitment to combatting climate change.”

The Paris Climate Agreement was adopted in December 2015 during the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in an effort to keep global warming from exceeding two degrees Celsius. With Syria recently announcing that it would sign the agreement, the United States is now the only country in the world that has rejected the global pact. The bill passed by the House – *An Act relative to Massachusetts participation in the Paris Climate Agreement’s Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards* – affirms the Commonwealth’s commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement’s standards and commits Massachusetts to report emissions data.

The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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### Representative Kate Hogan

Representative Kate Hogan represents the Third Middlesex District, which includes the towns of Bolton, Hudson, Maynard, and Stow. She currently serves as the House Chair on the Joint Committee on Public Health. She also serves as Chair of the Library Legislative Caucus and Co-Chair of the Legislature’s Elder Caucus. Rep. Hogan can be reached by phone at 617-722-2130 or by email at [Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov). You can also connect with Rep. Hogan on Facebook ([facebook.com/kate.hogan.948](https://www.facebook.com/kate.hogan.948)) or Twitter ([@repkatehogan](https://twitter.com/repkatehogan)).



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