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To whom it may concern,

As state legislators, we write in strong opposition to the proposal from investor-owned corporate utilities, including Eversource, National Grid, and Unitil, to impose “carrying-costs” — otherwise known as interest payments — on the 10% temporary bill reductions for gas and electric bills for the months of February and March, as recently announced by Governor Healey.

We are deeply concerned about the impact and burden of out-of-control gas and electric utility bills for our constituents, and we ask that you do everything within your power to hold these investor-owned, corporate utilities accountable.

In recent years, there have been reports of incredible profits and significantly increased earnings for many of these investor-owned utilities here in Massachusetts. Meanwhile, many of our constituents report doing everything they can to limit their energy usage, and yet, their bills keep going up.

We appreciate that the Department of Public Utilities is taking steps to address the affordability crisis, as we in the legislature work to pass additional reforms into law. In this moment where people’s budgets are stretched incredibly thin — and with the Trump Administration maintaining a hostile stance toward the renewable energy policies that will ultimately be more cost-effective while also addressing the ongoing climate emergency — we ask that you reject any interest payments on the recently-announced temporary winter bill reductions.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Very truly yours,