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I am writing on behalf of the board of [Andover Community Trust](#) (ACT) of Andover, Massachusetts in reference to D.P.U. 21-77.

Andover Community Trust advocates for affordable housing in Andover, encompassing all low- and moderate-income families. ACT believes that Andover Community Power can promote environmental justice. We are proponents for as many MA Class I renewable energy certificates (RECs) as possible without increasing the price per kWh above National Grid's pricing. According to NIH studies, low-income communities experience disproportionate environmental harms. We believe it is the responsibility of individuals and communities that are more affluent to invest in renewable energy wherever possible to help reduce these harms. Maintaining current electricity pricing for our residents and small businesses while increasing RECs as much as possible promotes environmental justice and invests in local jobs without burdening homeowners and renters in affordable housing.

Signed,  
The board of Andover Community Trust

### About Andover Community Trust:

Since 1992 it has been ACT's mission to strengthen the fabric of Andover through creating permanently affordable homes in town. Through generous donations of time, finances and land, we are building quality and affordable places for families to live. Our homes are built by Greater Lawrence Technical School students as they learn skills and knowledge to prepare them for employment. Our focus is on preserving affordability over the long term and welcoming families to a strong, thriving community.

Part of that welcoming includes connecting homeowners and home seekers with services and opportunities for affordable housing to find and keep a home from CARES Act funds for mortgage and rental assistance to Mass Save assistance to reduce utility costs.

In addition, we ensure that affordable homes stay affordable. When affordable apartments come up for rent, or when affordable houses and condos come up for sale, we inform homeseekers looking to find an affordable home in Andover. We work with the town to steward Andover's affordable housing year after year.