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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SUPPORT FOR H.872 & S.481, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE CHANGE SUPERFUND AND PROMOTING POLLUTER RESPONSIBILITY

WHEREAS, This legislative session, a companion bill S.481 to H.872 was filed by Senator James Eldridge, which, if passed, would establish a climate change superfund and require the largest oil and gas companies to pay \$75 billion over 25 years; *and*

WHEREAS, Climate change poses multiple threats to the City of Boston, including extreme heat, flooding, poor air quality, and other extreme weather and secondary impacts; *and*

WHEREAS, Oil and gas companies bear responsibility for exacerbating the climate crisis and have consistently misrepresented the destructive impacts of fossil fuel combustion on the global climate; *and*

WHEREAS, To pay for climate adaptation and resilience projects, our city will require external funding, and the passage of these bills in the State House and Senate would generate \$75 billion over 25 years, providing the means for Boston to adapt to climate impacts in a just and meaningful manner; *and*

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation mandates that 40% of the funding be allocated to projects benefiting environmental justice communities while also strongly encouraging adherence to prevailing wage laws and the utilization of apprenticeship programs; ***NOW, THEREFORE***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council proceeds jointly in support of H.872 and S.481;
AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to our entire State delegation

Filed on: December 4th, 2023