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Massachusetts

# ACTION ALERT!

Trash incinerators are terrible for our health and the environment. They pollute our air and water with mercury, lead, dioxin, sulfur dioxide and other toxic emissions and waste resources that could be recycled. Massachusetts has wisely had a moratorium on new incinerators for 22 years, which has kept more of these polluting facilities from being built.

Now, the Patrick Administration is proposing to lift the moratorium, opening the door for more pollution and wasted resources in Massachusetts. [Tell Governor Patrick: No New Incinerators for Massachusetts!](#)

Massachusetts' Secretary of the Environment, Richard Sullivan, hopes that a magic-box technology (called gasification) will convert trash into energy. Even though Europe is turning away from gasification because it competes with recycling, he hopes that it will be a good solution here. He hopes these "new" incinerators will not be as polluting as traditional incinerators. But [the facts](#) say otherwise.

**Take Action TODAY:** [Sign the petition to Governor Patrick](#) asking him to make sure that his environmental agencies maintain the ban on new incinerators and keep Massachusetts on the path to Zero Waste.

Thanks for joining thousands of others who want to reduce waste instead of building more polluting incinerators. Now please [send the petition](#) to all the Massachusetts residents on your mailing list-friends, family, and co-workers!

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