Dear Councillor THEIR NAME,

Hope you’re doing well!

My name is YOUR NAME, and I live in CITY/ TOWN, in NEIGHBORHOOD. I’m wondering if you’d be available for a brief meeting to **discuss a city resolution to help stop the development of the tar sands.**

As you probably know, tar sands oil is **among the dirtiest of all fossil fuels**. It’s corrosive, laced with toxic chemicals, and terrible for the climate. But a recent report shows that by 2020, **Massachusetts could be getting as much as 20% of our oil from the tar sands.**

I’m working with my neighbors here in TOWN and with others all over the state to keep tar sands oil out of MA. As part of that effort, **we’re working to pass city resolutions calling for a ban on tar sands oil**. Because trying to ban tar sands oil from TOWN itself would be infeasible, the resolution doesn’t call for a town-level ban; instead, it says that our town supports a statewide policy to keep tar sands oil out of Massachusetts.

Given everything we’re already doing to address climate change, like LOCAL EXAMPLES OF CLIMATE ACTION, this seemed like a natural step to me. Let me know if you’d be interested in meeting some time soon!

And thank you for all the work you do. I loved hearing about EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THEY’VE WORKED ON RECENTLY.

 Best,

YOUR NAME