

## **Environment the winner**

The Herald editorial “Lessons in losing” is absolutely right (Nov. 9). Virginia and New Jersey voters told Republicans that they care about serious issues, life-and-death issues, not fear-mongering or loathsome interference in community decisions about local Confederate statues.

The Herald mentioned examples like health care and gun control as top issues, but omitted climate change. New Jersey’s governor-elect ran on a platform that included returning the state to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which includes Massachusetts.

Virginia’s governor-elect also strongly emphasized climate change as a top priority. He is expected to move Virginia into the regional greenhouse gas program, maintain a ban against uranium mining in Virginia and oppose drilling off the Virginia coastline. He’ll also establish a “conservation cabinet” to reduce carbon emissions further.

Except for Pennsylvania, the regional program will constitute a green wall of states reining in greenhouse gas emissions in the electricity-generating sector from Maine to Virginia.

The next step is for Massachusetts to move to cut greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector and the heating of buildings.

— Judy Weiss, Brookline

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