

HOUSE No. 92

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Duffy and Daniel M. Donahue

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act supporting the Commonwealth’s food system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/16/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/21/2023</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/6/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/20/2023</i>

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By Representatives Duffy of Holyoke and Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 92) of Patricia A. Duffy, Daniel M. Donahue and others that the Food Policy Council appoint a food system coordinator as an employee. Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act supporting the Commonwealth’s food system.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 6C of chapter 20 of the General Laws is amended by inserting the following
2 subsection:-

3 (h) The council shall appoint a full time food system coordinator as an employee. The
4 food system coordinator shall have access to all relevant agency meetings; serve in an advisory
5 capacity to all relevant departments to inventory existing state programs which relate to the food
6 system across all state agencies, including, but not limited to, agencies associated with the
7 council; facilitate communication and resource collaboration across state agencies; develop and
8 track metrics related to food system goals; identify opportunities to eliminate duplicative efforts
9 and strengthen complementary programs and projects; identify gaps in services and supports and
10 make recommendations; and provide input to help coordinate outreach to underserved
11 communities. The food system coordinator shall submit a report 1 week prior to each council
12 meeting with findings, progress updates, and recommendations to the clerks of the senate and the

- 13 house of representatives, the council, relevant department secretaries, and relevant department
- 14 commissioners.