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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay R. Kaufman

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act for local tax transparency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jay R. Kaufman	*15th Middlesex*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Michael Barrett	*Third Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*
Angelo M. Scaccia	*14th Suffolk*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2631) of Jay R. Kaufman and others for legislation to require the Division of Local Services within the Department of Revenue to develop a report by boards of assessors relative to locally assessed taxes. Revenue.

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An Act for local tax transparency.

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

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding any general law to the contrary, the division of local services of the department of revenue shall develop by December 31, 2013 a report to be submitted by boards of assessors regarding the exemptions, deferrals or other reductions from locally assessed taxes that are available to individuals within their cities or towns by special act or acceptance of a local option.

SECTION 2: Notwithstanding any general law to the contrary, the division of local services of the department of revenue shall review the reports submitted by boards of assessors and report findings by December 31, 2014 to the secretary of administration and finance, senate resident, speaker of the house, chairs of house and senate ways and means committees, chairs of the joint committee on revenue, and members of the general court.

SECTION 3: Chapter 196 of the acts of 2008 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This act shall take effect upon its passage.