

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2618**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Peter V. Kocot*

*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 relative to farm energy production.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2618) of Peter V. Kocot that the Renewable Energy Trust Fund be authorized to award grants for the development of farm-based renewable energy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3089 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to farm energy production.

*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 1. Paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of section 4E of chapter 40J of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word “engine” the following: - “...provided,  
3 further, that the board may make grants from the fund, not to exceed a total of \$1,000,000  
4 annually, in support of Massachusetts farms and farm organizations, including Communities  
5 Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA)and the Pioneer Valley Growers Cooperative and its  
6 member farms, to develop farm-based renewable energy capabilities, including wind harvesting,  
7 methane capture and combustion, solar and photovoltaic energy sources to reduce energy costs  
8 for Massachusetts farmers.”