HOUSE No. 1712

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 economic stability for displaced service workers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| Marjorie C. Decker | 25th Middlesex | 1/17/2013 |
| Carlo Basile | 1st Suffolk | |
| William N. Brownsberger | Second Suffolk and Middlesex | |
| Christopher G. Fallon | 33rd Middlesex | |
| Louis L. Kafka | 8th Norfolk | |
| Theodore C. Speliotis | 13th Essex | |
| Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera | 10th Hampden | |
| Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. | 12th Hampden | |
| Peter V. Kocot | 1st Hampshire | |
| Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. | 26th Middlesex | |
| James J. O'Day | 14th Worcester | |
| Frank I. Smizik | 15th Norfolk | |
| John P. Fresolo | 16th Worcester | |
| Kenneth I. Gordon | 21st Middlesex | |
| Thomas M. Stanley | 9th Middlesex | |
| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth | |
| Tom Sannicandro | 7th Middlesex | |
| Paul W. Mark | 2nd Berkshire | |

| Daniel A. Wolf | Cape and Islands | |
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| Martha M. Walz | 8th Suffolk | |
| Anne M. Gobi | 5th Worcester | |
| Jay R. Kaufman | 15th Middlesex | |
| Danielle W. Gregoire | 4th Middlesex | |
| Aaron Vega | 5th Hampden | |
| John J. Lawn, Jr. | 10th Middlesex | |
| James R. Miceli | 19th Middlesex | |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex | |
| Colleen M. Garry | 36th Middlesex | |
| Denise Andrews | 2nd Franklin | |
| Ellen Story | 3rd Hampshire | |
| Sal N. DiDomenico | Middlesex and Suffolk | |
| Jonathan Hecht | 29th Middlesex | |
| Elizabeth A. Malia | 11th Suffolk | |
| Josh S. Cutler | 6th Plymouth | |
| Mark J. Cusack | 5th Norfolk | |
| Gloria L. Fox | 7th Suffolk | |
| Brian R. Mannal | 2nd Barnstable | |
| Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. | 34th Middlesex | |
| Kay Khan | 11th Middlesex | |
| David M. Rogers | 24th Middlesex | |
| Ruth B. Balser | 12th Middlesex | |
| Michael J. Moran | 18th Suffolk | |
| Antonio F. D. Cabral | 13th Bristol | |
| Dennis A. Rosa | 4th Worcester | |
| William C. Galvin | 6th Norfolk | |
| Mary S. Keefe | 15th Worcester | |
| Michael D. Brady | 9th Plymouth | |
| Paul R. Heroux | 2nd Bristol | |
| Russell E. Holmes | 6th Suffolk | |
| Linda Dorcena Forry | 12th Suffolk | |
| Byron Rushing | 9th Suffolk | |
| Thomas P. Conroy | 13th Middlesex | |

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1712) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to provide economic stability for displaced non-professional airport employees. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to economic stability for displaced service workers.

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. Section 150 of chapter 149, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "159C", in line 21, the following word:-
- 3 ", 189".
- SECTION 4. Chapter 149 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 188 the following sections:-
- 6 Section 189

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- (a) As used in this section, the following words, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, shall have the following meanings:-
- (A) "Awarding authority" means any person that awards or otherwise contracts for property or non professional airport services performed within the Commonwealth including contracted janitorial, security, maintenance and aviation services.
- (B) "Successor Contractor" means any person or entity that employs, or that will employ by the acquisition of a contract for service covered by this section, 10 or more individuals engaged in property or aviation services, and who assumes a service contract where essentially the same services were previously performed by another contractor in the same location within the previous 30 days.
- (C) "Predecessor Contractor" means any person or entity that performs a contract for property or aviation services prior to the commencement of the successor contractor.

(D) "Service Employee" means any employee performing services including but not limited to janitorial, maintenance, aviation and security services who works non-seasonally for at least 8 hours per week. This does not include a person who is a managerial, supervisory, or confidential employee, including those employees who would be so defined under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

- (E) "Service Contract" means any contract that has the principal purpose of providing janitorial, maintenance, security, aviation or other services through the use of service employees.
- (b) Where an awarding authority uses a service contract for the purpose defined in Section 189(a), subsection (E), a successor contractor shall retain, for a minimum 90-day transition period, service employees who have been employed by a predecessor contractor for the preceding four months or longer.

The successor contractor shall make a written offer of employment to each employee not less than 10 days prior to the commencement of service;

The employee must answer the offer not more than 10 days from the date the offer is made;

If the full complement of the predecessor's employees is not retained by the successor because the successor requires fewer employees to perform the service contract, the remaining employees of the predecessor contractor will be placed on a preferential hiring list and will have the right of first refusal for any new open position during the transition period.

The employer will have the right to discharge the employee during the transition period for cause which shall be based on work performance or conduct, but in no case will the discharge be arbitrary or capricious.

(c) The awarding authority shall have the obligation, in accordance with the requirements above, to notify a predecessor contractor within 3 days of the granting of a new award and awardee. Predecessor contractor will have the obligation to supply successor contractor and awarding authority with the employee names and corresponding dates of hire and job classification. Upon commencement of service, the successor contractor shall provide to the awarding authority a list of all employees providing service at the site or sites pertaining to the new contract for service with the awarding authority, indicating which employees were employed by the predecessor and which were not.

Failures or omissions in contravention of subsection 189(c) will result in a fine to either awarding authority, predecessor contractor, or both of \$500.00 per employee prejudiced, to be paid to the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance.