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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

*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 the relief of mortgage debt.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2664) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to providing a tax deduction for income attributable to the discharge of debt on principal residences, including debt reduced through mortgage restructuring. Revenue.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act relative to the relief of mortgage debt.

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

1            Paragraph (a) of part B of section 3 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by adding the following subparagraph:-

3            (17) Income attributable to the discharge of debt on a principal residence including debt  
4 reduced through mortgage restructuring, as well as mortgage debt forgiven in connection with a  
5 foreclosure, shall qualify for tax relief provided that no more than \$1,000,000 of forgiven debt is  
6 eligible for this exclusion, except if married filing jointly, up to \$2,000,000 may be excluded.  
7 The exclusion shall not apply if the discharge is due to services performed for the lender or any  
8 other reason not directly related to a decline in the home's value or the taxpayer's financial  
9 condition. The commissioner of the department of revenue shall promulgate regulations to  
10 effectuate this provision.