

**HOUSE . . . . . No.****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Shaunna O'Connell***

*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 enhancing public awareness of tax and fee increases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/11/2014</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>2/12/2014</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/14/2014</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2014</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2014</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2014</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/13/2014</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2014</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/14/2014</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>2/12/2014</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2014</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/18/2014</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2014</i>

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By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shaunna O'Connell and others relative to the posting of public hearing notices by the joint committee on ways and means. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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

1           Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38B the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 38B½. The committee on ways and means of each branch of the general court  
4 shall conduct no less than 6 public hearings on bills referred to them that purport to establish,  
5 increase or expand any new or existing taxes or fees. The committees shall give 3 days' public  
6 notice prior to holding such public hearings. Each hearing shall be conducted in a distinct  
7 geographical region of the commonwealth.