

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 119**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Denise Provost***

*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 to end child homelessness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannel</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>

<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 119) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to develop housing plans for families with minor children that are being evicted from publicly subsidized housing. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to end child homelessness.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no family with children under  
2 the age of eighteen shall be evicted of removed from public housing, publicly subsidized  
3 housing, or a shelter funded in whole or in part with public funds, including a motel or hotel  
4 providing emergency shelter, unless and until the Department of Children and Families, in  
5 consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, has developed and  
6 is able to implement a plan to assure that all children under eighteen in the affected family will  
7 be housed in some location which is fit for human habitation. All reasonable efforts shall be  
8 made to provide that such children remain in the custody of their parents or other caregivers with  
9 whom they have been residing.