

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2690**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Vega*

*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 reducing tax burden on property owners.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>11/26/2019</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>11/26/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>11/26/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>11/26/2019</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>11/26/2019</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>11/26/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>11/26/2019</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>11/26/2019</i>

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2690) of Aaron Vega and others for legislation to provide tax relief for persons suffering hardships due to public works projects or actions taken by municipal utility companies. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2754 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to reducing tax burden on property owners.

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

1           That Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended to  
2 include the following:

3           Upon the acceptance of this section by a city or town, the board of assessors may grant,  
4 real and personal property tax abatement up to 50 per cent of the total tax assessed to owners  
5 who are able to prove a hardship caused by a public works project, or by actions taken by a  
6 municipal utility company. Any such abatement would expire when work on the project has  
7 concluded, or after no more than two consecutive years.