HOUSE No. 2888

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter V. Kocot

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 small farm energy production.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	1/15/2015
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	2/3/2015
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire	2/2/2015

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2888) of Peter V. Kocot, Marcos A. Devers and John W. Scibak that the Renewable Energy Trust Fund be authorized to award grants for the development of farm-based renewable energy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2951 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to small farm energy production.

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 2EEEE of chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "provided, that not less than twenty-five percent of the funds deposited annually shall be transferred to the department of agricultural resources for a grant program in support of small farms under 750 acres in size to develop farm-based renewable energy capabilities, including wind harvesting, energy conserving refrigerated food storage pilot projects, methane capture and green combustion, and solar and photovoltaic energy projects to reduce energy costs for small farmers."