

HOUSE No. 3026

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 improving passenger rail service between Springfield and Boston.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>1/15/2015</i> |
| <i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> | <i>1/25/2015</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/26/2015</i> |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i> | <i>1/21/2015</i> |
| <i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i> | <i>5th Essex</i> | <i>1/16/2015</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Finn</i> | <i>6th Hampden</i> | <i>1/16/2015</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Hecht</i> | <i>29th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/22/2015</i> |
| <i>Eric P. Lesser</i> | <i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>1/20/2015</i> |
| <i>John W. Scibak</i> | <i>2nd Hampshire</i> | <i>2/2/2015</i> |
| <i>Ellen Story</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>1/21/2015</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> | <i>1/29/2015</i> |
| <i>Jose F. Tosado</i> | <i>9th Hampden</i> | <i>1/21/2015</i> |

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3026) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to improving passenger rail service between Springfield and Boston. Transportation.

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

An Act relative to improving passenger rail service between Springfield and Boston.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 10 of Chapter 6C of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end thereof the following:-

3 "The office of transportation planning shall convene a working group, not later than
4 October 1, 2015, for the purpose of expediting the improvement of passenger rail service
5 between Springfield, Worcester and Boston, including the establishment of high speed passenger
6 rail service between those communities along the so-called "Inland Route", connecting with the
7 "Knowledge Corridor" high speed rail line and connecting with north/south rail services in
8 Boston. Said working group shall include, but not be limited to elected officials, including the
9 Congressional delegation, representing communities along the Inland Route, and rail lines
10 connecting to it, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Central Massachusetts Regional
11 Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, and existing rail service
12 stakeholders, including Amtrak, PanAm, the MBTA and CSX Railways. Said working group

13 shall interface with the planning process authorized for funding in item 6622-1384 of section 2F,
14 chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014 and include the goals contained in the departmental document
15 entitled "Transforming the Rail Network for Economic and Community Development"."