

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1458**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*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 improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>One City Hall Square, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02201-2013</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1458) of Cynthia S. Creem, Martin J. Walsh, William N. Brownsberger, Daniel J. Hunt and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve the earned income tax credit for working families. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1317 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

*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 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 239, the figure “15” and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following figure:— “30”.

4           SECTION 2. Section 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 further amended by striking out, in line 243, the figure “15” and inserting in place thereof the  
6 following figure:— “30”.

7           SECTION 3. Section 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
8 further amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

9           The commissioner of revenue shall institute an outreach program to inform taxpayers  
10 about the earned income tax credit, the requirements for claiming the credit, and the option to  
11 receive the benefit throughout the year in each paycheck. In order to institute said program, the  
12 commissioner shall, to the extent that it is practicable, partner in outreach efforts with groups,  
13 including but not limited to, utility companies, labor organizations, chambers of commerce,  
14 municipalities, community based organizations and taxpayer advocates.