

SENATE No. 1786

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 protect our environment and reduce the carbon footprint of the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1786) of Marc R. Pacheco, Denise Provost, Jason M. Lewis, Marjorie C. Decker and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect our environment and reduce the carbon footprint of the commonwealth. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act to protect our environment and reduce the carbon footprint of the commonwealth.

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

1 (a) Section 1 of chapter 21N of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 60, after the word “chapter” the following
3 words:- “; or (iii) an economy-wide price on carbon”

4 (b) Said section 1 of said chapter 21N, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
5 out, in line 54, the word:- “or”

6 (c) Subsection (b) of said section 7 of said chapter 21N of the General Laws, as so
7 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 15, the word “may” and inserting in place
8 thereof the word:- “shall”

9 (d) Said subsection (b) of said section 7 of said chapter 21N of the General Laws, as so
10 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 16, after the word “mechanisms” the word:- “,
11 including, but not limited to, an economy-wide price on carbon,

12 (e) Said subsection (b) of said section 7 of said chapter 21 of the General Laws, as so
13 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the last sentence the following sentences:- “All
14 revenue derived from said economy-wide price on carbon shall be placed into a Clean Energy
15 and Transportation Fund. 20 percent of the fund shall be used for public transportation and
16 energy projects which will reduce carbon emissions and help Massachusetts transition from
17 fossil fuels. The remaining revenue shall be returned to all Massachusetts residents through a
18 revenue rebate program established by the Department of Revenue.