

HOUSE No. 1753

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 regulating the location of pipelines.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>1/12/2017</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Stephen Kulik</i> | <i>1st Franklin</i> | |
| <i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i> | <i>8th Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Patricia A. Haddad</i> | <i>5th Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | |

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1753) of Steven S. Howitt and others regulating the location of fossil fuel transmission pipelines. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act regulating the location of pipelines.

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. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 75I. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
4 contrary no new fossil fuel transmission pipelines shall be located in an area which is less than 1
5 mile in linear distance from a playground, licensed day-care center, school, church, area of
6 critical environmental concern, as determined by the secretary of environmental affairs pursuant
7 to 301 CMR 12.00, or an area occupied by residential housing. This linear distance shall be
8 measured from any point along a fossil fuel transmission pipeline to the outermost point of the
9 aforementioned zones; provided, however, that repairs or replacements that do not increase
10 capacity in any such pipeline in operation prior to January 1, 2017, shall not be subject to this
11 section.