

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2706**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul W. Mark***

*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 solar power and the green economy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Adrian Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

*James M. Cantwell*  
*John H. Rogers*

*4th Plymouth*  
*12th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2706) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to establish a Commonwealth solar program to encourage the development of solar photovoltaic technology. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to solar power and the green economy.

*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 25A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 11I the following sections:-

3 Section 11J. The department shall establish a Commonwealth Solar Program to  
4 encourage the development of solar photovoltaic technology by residential, commercial,  
5 governmental and industrial electric customers throughout the Commonwealth. The program  
6 shall be structured to achieve 17.5 per cent solar electricity, measured by the sale of retail  
7 electricity to end-use customers in the commonwealth, by December 31, 2025, and 25 per cent  
8 solar electricity by December 31, 2030.

9 SECTION 2. Section 11F of said chapter 25A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
10 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words “and (3) an additional 1 per cent of  
11 sales thereafter.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(3) an additional 1 per

12 cent of sales every year until December 31, 2017; (4) an additional 2 per cent of sales until  
13 December 31, 2018, and (5) an additional 3 per cent of sales every year thereafter .”

14 SECTION 3. Section 139 of Chapter 164, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking  
15 out subsection (f) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

16 (f) The maximum amount of generating capacity eligible for net metering by a  
17 municipality or other governmental entity shall be 10 megawatts.