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 small farm energy production.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	1/20/2017
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/26/2017
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	Second Hampden and Hampshire	1/24/2017
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin	2/2/2017
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable	1/24/2017
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	2/3/2017
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire	1/24/2017
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk	1/26/2017
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	1/30/2017
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	1/23/2017

HOUSE No. 3398

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3398) of Peter V. Kocot and others that the Renewable Energy Trust Fund be authorized to award grants for the development of farm-based renewable energy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2888 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to small farm energy production.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2EEEE of chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:- "provided, that not less than twenty-five percent of the funds deposited annually shall be transferred to the department of agricultural resources for a grant program in support of small farms under 750 acres in size to develop farm-based renewable energy capabilities, including wind harvesting, energy conserving refrigerated food storage pilot projects, methane capture and green combustion, and solar and photovoltaic energy projects to reduce energy costs for small farmers."