

HOUSE No. 3429

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 improving passenger rail service between Springfield and Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Petrolati</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3429) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to improving passenger rail service between Springfield and Boston. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3026 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to improving passenger rail service between Springfield and Boston.

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 10 of Chapter 6C of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end thereof the following:-

3 "The office of transportation planning shall convene a working group, not later than
4 October 1, 2016, for the purpose of expediting the improvement of passenger rail service
5 between Springfield, Worcester and Boston, including the establishment of high speed passenger
6 rail service between those communities along the so-called "Inland Route", connecting with the
7 "Knowledge Corridor" high speed rail line and connecting with north/south rail services in
8 Boston. Said working group shall include, but not be limited to elected officials and legislators,
9 including the Congressional delegation, representing communities along the Inland Route, and
10 rail lines connecting to it, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Central Massachusetts

11 Regional Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, and existing
12 transportation stakeholders, including Amtrak, PanAm, the MBTA and CSX Railways and bus
13 lines and other transportation entities utilizing said transportation corridors. Said working group
14 shall interface with the planning process authorized for funding in item 6622-1384 of section 2F,
15 chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014 and include the goals contained in the departmental document
16 entitled "Transforming the Rail Network for Economic and Community Development".