

HOUSE No. 3637

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino

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 conservation and natural gas infrastructure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3637) of Joan Meschino and others relative to conservation and natural gas infrastructure. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to conservation and natural gas infrastructure.

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

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

2 Section 146. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the
3 contrary, prior to adding new capacity for natural gas to a system, a gas company shall recapture
4 an equivalent volume of natural gas lost from the system by repairing identified gas leaks within
5 the same municipality. If all identified leaks in a municipality have been repaired, the gas
6 company shall pursue alternative conservation measures within the municipality or repair
7 identified gas leaks within the region.

8 The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section and
9 shall oversee and monitor company repairs.