

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1846**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James B. Eldridge***

*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>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/6/2017</i>
<i>Carmin L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>

<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>6/14/2017</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>10/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1846) of James B. Eldridge, Paul W. Mark, Carmine L. Gentile, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to solar power and the green economy. 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 section:-

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

9 SECTION 2. Section 11F of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as so appearing in the  
10 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words “and (3)  
11 an additional 1 per cent of sales thereafter.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

12 (3) an additional 1 per cent of sales every year until December 31, 2017; (4) an additional 2 per  
13 cent of sales until December 31, 2018, and (5) an additional 3 per cent of sales every year  
14 thereafter.

15 SECTION 3. Section 139 of said chapter 164, as so appearing in the 2014 Official  
16 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (f), and inserting in place thereof the  
17 following subsection:-

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