

SENATE No. 1883

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 the green communities act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/28/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1883) of Bruce E. Tarr, David F. DeCoste and James M. Cantwell for legislation relative to a comprehensive investigation of the green communities act. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to the green communities act.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of the
2 department of environmental protection in conjunction with the commissioner of energy
3 resources, and the secretary of energy and environmental affairs shall conduct a comprehensive
4 investigation of the impact of chapter 169 of the acts of 2008. This investigation shall include but
5 not be limited to a review of benchmarks attained to date, and an analysis of the feasibility of
6 attaining benchmarks set up at the time of the passage of the act, and any recommendations. The
7 commissioner of the department of environmental protection in conjunction with the
8 commissioner of energy resources and the secretary of energy and environmental affairs shall
9 publish their findings on each department website and on the website of the executive office of
10 energy and environmental affairs, and submit a copy to the clerks of the house and senate, the
11 joint committee on environment, natural resources and agriculture, and joint committee on
12 telecommunications, utilities and energy no later than December 31, 2019.