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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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 primary care workforce development and loan repayment grant program at community health centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*1/16/2019*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
David Biele	*4th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Bristol*	*1/31/2019*
Gerard J. Cassidy	*9th Plymouth*	*1/31/2019*
Sonia Chang-Diaz	*Second Suffolk*	*1/16/2019*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*	*1/30/2019*
Diana DiZoglio	*First Essex*	*1/29/2019*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/30/2019*
Daniel M. Donahue	*16th Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Nika C. Elugardo	*15th Suffolk*	*2/2/2019*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
John J. Mahoney	*13th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*

Christina A. Minicucci	*14th Essex*	*1/25/2019*
Liz Miranda	*5th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
John H. Rogers	*12th Norfolk*	*2/1/2019*
Daniel J. Ryan	*2nd Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1196) of Thomas M. Stanley and others for legislation to establish a primary care physician workforce development and loan forgiveness grant program to be administered by the Department of Public Health. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to the primary care workforce development and loan repayment grant program at community health centers.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 25N¾ and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 25N¾. (a) There shall be established a primary care workforce development and loan forgiveness grant program at community health centers for the purpose of enhancing recruitment and retention of primary care physicians and other clinicians at community health centers throughout the commonwealth. The grant program shall be administered by the department of public health; provided, that the department may contract with an organization to administer the grant program. This program shall ensure the continuation of state-level loan repayment for clinicians at community health centers.

(b) The program shall be funded, as in previous years, through expenditures from the Health Care Workforce Transformation Fund, established in section 2FFFF of chapter 29 of the General Laws.