

HOUSE No. 162

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers

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 to ensure equitable health coverage for children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>

<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 162) of David M. Rogers and others for legislation to ensure equitable health coverage for children. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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

An Act to ensure equitable health coverage for children.

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 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding after
2 Section 16D the following section:-

3 Section 16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other law, there is hereby established a program of
4 comprehensive health coverage for children and young adults under the age of 21 who are
5 residents of the Commonwealth, as defined under section 8 of this chapter, who are not
6 otherwise eligible for comprehensive benefits under Title XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act
7 or under the demonstration pursuant to Section 9A of this chapter solely due to their immigration
8 status. Children and young adults shall be eligible to receive comprehensive MassHealth benefits
9 equivalent to the benefits available to individuals of like age and income under categorical and
10 financial eligibility requirements established by the Executive Office pursuant to said Title XIX
11 and Title XXI.

12 (2) The Executive Office shall maximize federal financial participation for the benefits
13 provided under this section, however benefits under this section shall not be conditioned on the
14 availability of federal financial participation.