

HOUSE No. 2879

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 regulating the location of pipelines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/7/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2879) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul A. Schmid, III relative to regulating the location of fossil fuel transmission pipelines. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1753 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act regulating the location of pipelines.

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

3 Section 75I. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
4 contrary no new fossil fuel transmission pipelines shall be located in an area which is less than 1
5 mile in linear distance from a playground, licensed day-care center, school, church, area of
6 critical environmental concern, as determined by the secretary of environmental affairs pursuant
7 to 301 CMR 12.00, or an area occupied by residential housing. This linear distance shall be
8 measured from any point along a fossil fuel transmission pipeline to the outermost point of the
9 aforementioned zones; provided, however, that repairs or replacements that do not increase

10 capacity in any such pipeline in operation prior to January 1, 2019, shall not be subject to this
11 section.