

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3837

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce J. Ayers***

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*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 protecting neighboring communities from deleterious construction.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3837) of Bruce J. Ayers and Michael O. Moore relative to certain construction projects occurring in municipalities within 1,500 feet of a border of another municipality. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act protecting neighboring communities from deleterious construction.

*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 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3           Section 70. Any major construction project occurring in a municipality within 1,500 feet  
4 of another municipalities' border shall contain an area of land between the 2 municipalities to  
5 provide for a buffer zone to prevent harm to a neighboring municipality from another  
6 municipalities' allowance of major construction. For the purposes of this section the term major  
7 construction project shall mean any public or private construction totaling in excess of  
8 \$5,000,000, road or highway construction or erection of any bridge over navigable or tidal  
9 waters.

10           The buffer zone shall include, but not be limited to: parks, gardens, trails, wetlands open  
11 space, or a specific protected area, where restrictions on resource use and development measures  
12 are undertaken in order to enhance the open space or conservation use of the protected area.