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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul W. Mark and Lindsay N. Sabadosa***

*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 COVID-19 emergency unemployment insurance expansion.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/18/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>3/19/2020</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>

<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>3/20/2020</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/22/2020</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/22/2020</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2020</i>

*RoseLee Vincent*

*16th Suffolk*

*3/26/2020*

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By Representatives Mark of Peru and Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others for legislation to expand unemployment insurance benefits to certain employees due to the COVID-19 emergency declaration. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to COVID-19 emergency unemployment insurance expansion.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to expand unemployment insurance eligibility to individuals impacted by the COVID-19 state of emergency declarations, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace and health.

*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. Section 24 of chapter 151A is hereby amended by adding the following:-

2 (d) The following employers and employees shall be eligible for benefits under this  
3 chapter if they are directly impacted by the COVID-19 state of emergency declarations of  
4 March, 2020.

5 Independent contractors, sole proprietors, partners in a partnership, freelance, and tipped  
6 employees.

7           (e) No individual shall be considered ineligible for benefits because of emergency federal  
8 or state emergency cash assistance or other benefits directly tied to the COVID-19 federal or  
9 state level emergency declarations.

10           (f) No individual who receives said benefits shall be penalized for receiving these  
11 benefits nor shall they be required to repay the benefits received.