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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tami L. Gouveia

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 providing for emergency cash assistance in response to COVID-19.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Tami L. Gouveia	*14th Middlesex*	*3/16/2020*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*3/17/2020*
Nika C. Elugardo	*15th Suffolk*	*3/17/2020*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*3/17/2020*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*3/17/2020*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*3/17/2020*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*3/17/2020*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*	*3/17/2020*
Lenny Mirra	*2nd Essex*	*3/17/2020*
Kathleen R. LaNatra	*12th Plymouth*	*3/17/2020*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*3/18/2020*
Maria Duaime Robinson	*6th Middlesex*	*3/17/2020*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*3/18/2020*
Sonia Chang-Diaz	*Second Suffolk*	*3/18/2020*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*3/18/2020*
José F. Tosado	*9th Hampden*	*3/18/2020*
Kevin G. Honan	*17th Suffolk*	*3/18/2020*
Christina A. Minicucci	*14th Essex*	*3/18/2020*

Michelle L. Ciccolo	*15th Middlesex*	*3/18/2020*
Rady Mom	*18th Middlesex*	*3/18/2020*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*3/18/2020*
Stephan Hay	*3rd Worcester*	*3/19/2020*
John H. Rogers	*12th Norfolk*	*3/23/2020*
Christine P. Barber	*34th Middlesex*	*3/23/2020*
Liz Miranda	*5th Suffolk*	*3/23/2020*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*3/24/2020*

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By Ms. Gouveia of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tami L. Gouveia and others that the Department of Revenue be authorized to provide emergency cash assistance to certain qualifying households. Revenue.

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

An Act providing for emergency cash assistance in response to COVID-19.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for emergency cash assistance in response to COVID-19, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of revenue, within 30 days of the effective date of this act, shall deliver by first class mail a check in the amount $1,000 to a qualifying household. For purposes of this act the term "qualifying household" shall mean: (a) 1 to 2 person households earning up to 84,000 annually or; 3 person households earning up to $105,000 annually or; 4 or more person households earning up to $131,000 annually, (b) household members who are Massachusetts residents as of the effective date of this act; and (c) filed taxes for tax year 2018 or if taxes were not filed in 2018 can demonstrate their household income and household size through guidelines promulgated by the department.

SECTION 2. An additional $500 per dependent shall be allocated to each qualifying household.