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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nika C. Elugardo

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 enabling the conservation commissions to consider climate change within their conservation plans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Nika C. Elugardo	*15th Suffolk*	*1/18/2019*
Edward F. Coppinger	*10th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*1/31/2019*
Patrick Joseph Kearney	*4th Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Maria Duaime Robinson	*6th Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/31/2019*
Jon Santiago	*9th Suffolk*	*1/31/2019*

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By Ms. Elugardo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 775) of Nika C. Elugardo and others relative to enabling conservation commissions to consider climate change within conservation plans. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act enabling the conservation commissions to consider climate change within their conservation plans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth sentence the following 2 sentences:- The commission may include in its conservation plan an analysis of climate change effects and also may evaluate environmental justice and climate justice elements of climate change, including effects of extreme weather and flooding within areas subject to protection. A conservation commission may adopt guidelines and policies for environmental justice and climate justice.