# **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 776**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

#### Dylan A. Fernandes

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 empowering towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Dylan A. Fernandes	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket	1/9/2019
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	1/18/2019
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	1/18/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	1/23/2019
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	1/29/2019
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	1/28/2019
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk	2/1/2019
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	1/25/2019
John Barrett, III	1st Berkshire	1/28/2019
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex	1/29/2019
Natalie M. Blais	1st Franklin	1/31/2019
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Peter Capano	11th Essex	1/28/2019
Michelle L. Ciccolo	15th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	1/24/2019
Edward F. Coppinger	10th Suffolk	1/30/2019

William L. Crocker, Jr.	2nd Barnstable	1/29/2019
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	1/24/2019
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Viriato M. deMacedo	Plymouth and Barnstable	1/30/2019
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	1/30/2019
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	1/31/2019
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/1/2019
Nika C. Elugardo	15th Suffolk	1/31/2019
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk	1/31/2019
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	13th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	1/28/2019
Tami L. Gouveia	14th Middlesex	2/1/2019
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	1/31/2019
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	1/30/2019
Russell E. Holmes	6th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Randy Hunt	5th Barnstable	2/1/2019
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	1/31/2019
Patrick Joseph Kearney	4th Plymouth	1/29/2019
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	1/30/2019
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	1/31/2019
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	2/1/2019
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	2/1/2019
Adrian C. Madaro	1st Suffolk	1/28/2019
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	28th Middlesex	1/26/2019
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	1/30/2019
Liz Miranda	5th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Tram T. Nguyen	18th Essex	1/27/2019
Patrick M. O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	1/28/2019
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable	1/29/2019
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	1/30/2019
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	2/1/2019
David Allen Robertson	19th Middlesex	1/31/2019
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	1/29/2019
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	1/31/2019
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	1/28/2019
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	1/29/2019

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By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 776) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to the powers of cities and town to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use, application or disposal of certain pesticides. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

An Act empowering towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides.

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

The second paragraph of section 1 of chapter 132B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- This chapter shall regulate the labeling, distribution, sale, storage, transportation, use and application, and disposal of pesticides in the commonwealth; provided, however, that this chapter shall establish the minimum standards and restrictions relative to the use and application and disposal of pesticides, and cities and towns may, by a majority vote of the legislative body and approval from the municipality's board of health, adopt ordinances and by-laws that regulate, restrict or prohibit the use and application or disposal of pesticides within the city or town that are more stringent than the standards and restrictions established by this chapter; provided further, that for purposes of this section, "use and application" and "disposal" of pesticides shall not include the transportation of pesticides.