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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Carlos González***

*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 internet speed during the COVID-19 outbreak.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>4/21/2020</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>4/22/2020</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2020</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>4/23/2020</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>

<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/24/2020</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>4/27/2020</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>4/27/2020</i>

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By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others relative to internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to internet speed during the COVID-19 outbreak.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the protection of reliable access to high-speed internet during the COVID-19 pandemic, 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:*

1           (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires  
2 otherwise, have the following meanings:-

3           “Internet service provider”, a person who provides internet access to customers in the  
4 commonwealth.

5           “State of emergency”, the state of emergency related to the outbreak COVID-19 in  
6 Massachusetts, declared by the governor pursuant to executive order 591 or any subsequent  
7 related order.

8           (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all Internet service  
9 providers shall provide all residential customers in the commonwealth with the highest

10 bandwidth possible during the state of emergency in the manner that best ensures reliable  
11 internet access so all residential customers may telework and connect during the state of  
12 emergency.

13 (c) An Internet service provider shall not be required to adopt, create or implement new  
14 technology or build or implement new infrastructure to comply with subsection (b).