

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1955**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James B. Eldridge***

*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 solar power and the green economy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1955) of James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis, Mike Connolly, Jennifer E. Benson and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to solar power and the green economy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1846 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to solar power and the green economy.

*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. Chapter 25A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 11I the following section:-

3           Section 11J. The department shall establish a commonwealth solar program to encourage  
4 the development of solar photovoltaic technology by residential, commercial, governmental and  
5 industrial electric customers throughout the commonwealth. The program shall be structured to  
6 achieve 17.5 per cent solar electricity, measured by the sale of retail electricity to end-use  
7 customers in the commonwealth, by December 31, 2025, and 25 per cent solar electricity by  
8 December 31, 2030.

9           SECTION 2. Section 11F of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words “(3) an  
11 additional 1 per cent of sales each year thereafter until December 31, 2019; (4) an additional 2  
12 per cent of sales each year thereafter until December 31, 2029; and (5) an additional 1 per cent of  
13 sales every year thereafter.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (3) an additional  
14 1 per cent of sales every year until December 31, 2019; and (4) an additional 3 per cent of sales  
15 every year thereafter.

16           SECTION 3. Section 139 of chapter 164, of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
17 striking out subsection (f), and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

18           (f) The maximum amount of generating capacity eligible for net metering by a  
19 municipality or other governmental entity shall be eliminated.