

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1980**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen***

*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 protecting ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                              | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                                  |                  |
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| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>          | <i>Second Middlesex</i>                            |                  |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>           | <i>9th Middlesex</i>                               | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i>               | <i>26th Middlesex</i>                              | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>              | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>                             | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>         | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>                        | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i>                | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>          | <i>10th Plymouth</i>                               | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>           | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i>                            | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i>              | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>                         | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i>              | <i>First Essex</i>                                 | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>               | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>                   | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>           | <i>First Middlesex</i>                             | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i>              | <i>27th Middlesex</i>                              | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i>                              | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i>              | <i>Second Essex</i>                                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>           | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>                       | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>John F. Keenan</i>              | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>                        | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |

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| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>      | <i>Second Worcester</i>               | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>     | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>        | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Mark C. Montigny</i>      | <i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>    | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i>        | <i>23rd Middlesex</i>                 | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i>       | <i>24th Middlesex</i>                 | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>     | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>    | <i>7th Middlesex</i>                  | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>    | <i>37th Middlesex</i>                 | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Carlos González</i>       | <i>10th Hampden</i>                   | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>  | <i>1st Middlesex</i>                  | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i>                 | <i>2/4/2019</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i>     | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>  | <i>2/6/2019</i> |
| <i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i>                  | <i>2/8/2019</i> |
| <i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>     | <i>10th Middlesex</i>                 | <i>2/8/2019</i> |

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1980) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Thomas M. Stanley, Mike Connolly, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1855 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act protecting ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs.

*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. Section 94A of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding, at the end thereof the following:-

3           Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the department shall not approve any contract  
4 for the purchase of gas, gas pipeline capacity or liquefied gas storage where any contract costs  
5 would be recoverable from the ratepayers, if such contract requires any construction or  
6 expansion of interstate gas infrastructure.