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SENATE . . . . . No. 741

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joanne M. Comerford

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 committing to higher education the resources to Insure a strong and healthy public higher education system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	
Tami L. Gouveia	*14th Middlesex*	*1/22/2019*
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*1/22/2019*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*1/22/2019*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*1/28/2019*
John Barrett, III	*1st Berkshire*	*1/28/2019*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
Joseph A. Boncore	*First Suffolk and Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Brendan P. Crighton	*Third Essex*	*1/30/2019*
Peter Capano	*11th Essex*	*1/31/2019*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*1/30/2019*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/23/2019*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Nika C. Elugardo	*15th Suffolk*	*1/29/2019*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*1/30/2019*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*1/23/2019*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*1/25/2019*

Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Adam G. Hinds	*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*	*1/30/2019*
Daniel J. Hunt	*13th Suffolk*	*1/30/2019*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*1/30/2019*
Kathleen R. LaNatra	*12th Plymouth*	*1/31/2019*
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	*17th Worcester*	*1/28/2019*
Eric P. Lesser	*First Hampden and Hampshire*	*1/31/2019*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*1/23/2019*
Mathew J. Muratore	*1st Plymouth*	*1/30/2019*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*1/26/2019*
Marc R. Pacheco	*First Plymouth and Bristol*	*1/28/2019*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/28/2019*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*1/31/2019*
Walter F. Timilty	*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*	*1/29/2019*
José F. Tosado	*9th Hampden*	*1/30/2019*
John C. Velis	*4th Hampden*	*1/31/2019*
Bud L. Williams	*11th Hampden*	*1/30/2019*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Bristol*	*2/1/2019*
Michael J. Barrett	*Third Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Julian Cyr	*Cape and Islands*	*2/1/2019*
Diana DiZoglio	*First Essex*	*2/1/2019*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
John H. Rogers	*12th Norfolk*	*2/1/2019*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*2/1/2019*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*2/1/2019*
James T. Welch	*Hampden*	*2/4/2019*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*2/5/2019*
Harriette L. Chandler	*First Worcester*	*2/12/2019*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*2/22/2019*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*	*2/27/2019*
Nick Collins	*First Suffolk*	*3/21/2019*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*	*4/2/2019*
Cindy F. Friedman	*Fourth Middlesex*	*4/30/2019*

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 741) of Joanne M. Comerford, Tami L. Gouveia, Natalie M. Blais, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to commit to higher education the resources to Insure a strong and healthy public higher education system. Higher Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act committing to higher education the resources to Insure a strong and healthy public higher education system.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the follow section:-

Section 15A. It is the intention of the general court to assure fair and adequate funding for the commonwealth's public institutions of higher education by assuring that the appropriation to fund such institutions equals the level of funding in effect in fiscal year 2001, adjusted for inflation, and maintained, at a minimum, at that level thereafter. Effective in fiscal year 2020, the annual budget request for the public institutions of higher education shall be determined by the council and the secretary in accordance with this section for the University of Massachusetts, the state university system, the community college system, and needs-based financial assistance administered by the council under section 9B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the council shall establish a 5-year schedule, beginning in fiscal year 2020, to restore

the level of funding of public institutions of higher education and needs based financial assistance developed under section 15B to no less than the total per student appropriation for fiscal year 2001, adjusted for inflation to the current fiscal year using the consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the budget request to the secretary of administration and finance for the system of institutions of public higher education and needs-based financial assistance developed under section 15B shall be not less than the amount determined by said schedule, and, in fiscal year 2024 and following, shall not be less than the total per-student appropriation for fiscal year 2001 as so adjusted for inflation. The council shall submit its annual budget request to the secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on higher education.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 7H of chapter 29 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the governor shall submit to the general court annually a request for an appropriation that complies with the funding requirements of section 15A of chapter 15A. Said appropriation request shall not propose any direct or indirect reductions in any other state appropriation including, but not limited to, collective bargaining agreements pursuant to chapter 150E of the General Laws, and scholarships and need-based financial assistance authorized by chapter 15A of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. In fiscal years 2020 through 2024, no tuition or fees shall increase for students enrolled at public institution of higher education in any fiscal year where the appropriation for public institutions of higher education is at least the amount requested by the council as provided in section 15A of chapter 15A of the General Laws.