

**SENATE . . . . . No. 48**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Anne M. Gobi***

*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 an agricultural healthy incentives program.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                          | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                                  |                  |
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| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i>            | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> |                  |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>          | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>                             | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>  | <i>12th Hampden</i>                                | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i>                              | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>      | <i>7th Middlesex</i>                               | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i>        | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>                 | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i>           | <i>15th Worcester</i>                              | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>          | <i>9th Hampden</i>                                 | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>       | <i>9th Middlesex</i>                               | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i>           | <i>26th Middlesex</i>                              | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>    | <i>4th Middlesex</i>                               | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>     | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>           | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>William N. Brownsberger</i> | <i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>                | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>   | <i>6th Middlesex</i>                               | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>James T. Welch</i>          | <i>Hampden</i>                                     | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>       | <i>10th Middlesex</i>                              | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Barrett</i>      | <i>Third Middlesex</i>                             | <i>1/29/2019</i> |

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| <i>Brian W. Murray</i>             | <i>10th Worcester</i>                             | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>         | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>                       | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>            | <i>Second Worcester</i>                           | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>           | <i>16th Worcester</i>                             | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>          | <i>37th Middlesex</i>                             | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>           | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>                    | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>               | <i>2nd Hampden</i>                                | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i>                 | <i>11th Worcester</i>                             | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>             | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>                      | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>           | <i>14th Suffolk</i>                               | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>           | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>             | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>                    | <i>11th Middlesex</i>                             | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Adam G. Hinds</i>               | <i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>           | <i>First Middlesex</i>                            | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>           | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i>                           | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i>               | <i>1st Hampden</i>                                | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>              | <i>13th Suffolk</i>                               | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>         | <i>Third Essex</i>                                | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>          | <i>Second Middlesex</i>                           | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>     | <i>12th Worcester</i>                             | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>      | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>               | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>         | <i>2nd Worcester</i>                              | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i>                             | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i>              | <i>First Essex</i>                                | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>John Barrett, III</i>           | <i>1st Berkshire</i>                              | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Barry R. Finegold</i>           | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>                 | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>          | <i>2nd Franklin</i>                               | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>               | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>                  | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>           | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>                      | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Eric P. Lesser</i>              | <i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>           | <i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i>           | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>              | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>          | <i>11th Suffolk</i>                               | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>            | <i>Second Suffolk</i>                             | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i>                  | <i>Cape and Islands</i>                           | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>John H. Rogers</i>              | <i>12th Norfolk</i>                               | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>       | <i>First Worcester</i>                            | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Nick Collins</i>                | <i>First Suffolk</i>                              | <i>2/4/2019</i>  |

*Dean A. Tran*

*Worcester and Middlesex*

*2/13/2019*

*David Allen Robertson*

*19th Middlesex*

*3/26/2019*

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 48) of Anne M. Gobi, Jason M. Lewis, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., William L. Crocker, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program.

*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 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 2E the following section:-

3           Section 2F. (a)The department of transitional assistance, in partnership with the  
4 department of agricultural resources and the department of public health, shall operate a healthy  
5 incentives program. The program shall provide that for every dollar of Supplemental Nutrition  
6 Assistance Program benefits, established pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7  
7 U.S.C. section 2011 hereinafter referred to as SNAP, redeemed for fruit and vegetable purchases,  
8 either fresh, canned, dried or frozen, by a SNAP recipient, the recipient shall receive a matching  
9 benefit reimbursed on the recipient’s EBT card of one dollar, within limits to be established by  
10 the department.

11 (b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate  
12 fund, to be jointly administered by the commissioners of the department of agricultural resources  
13 and the department of transitional assistance, which shall be known as the Massachusetts Healthy  
14 Incentives Fund. The Fund shall consist of all revenues from public and private sources as  
15 appropriations, gifts, grants and donations and from the federal government as reimbursements,  
16 grants-in-aid or other receipts to further the purposes of the Fund in accordance with this section.

17 (c ) The department of transitional assistance or its partners shall apply for any available  
18 federal programs such as Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grants administered by the United  
19 States Department of Agriculture to provide matching benefits to be deposited in the Fund.

20 SECTION 2. The department of transitional assistance shall promulgate rules and  
21 regulations to implement the program set forth in section 1.