## **SENATE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 16**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	1/22/2019
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	1/22/2019
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	1/22/2019
Carlos González	10th Hampden	1/23/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	1/23/2019
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	1/24/2019
Joseph A. Boncore	First Suffolk and Middlesex	1/24/2019
Michael F. Rush	Norfolk and Suffolk	1/25/2019
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	1/25/2019
James T. Welch	Hampden	1/28/2019
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester	1/28/2019
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Dylan A. Fernandes	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket	1/28/2019
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	1/28/2019
Edward J. Kennedy	First Middlesex	1/29/2019

Sonia Chang-Diaz	Second Suffolk	1/29/2019
William N. Brownsberger	Second Suffolk and Middlesex	1/29/2019
Cynthia Stone Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk	2/8/2019
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex	1/29/2019
Michael J. Barrett	Third Middlesex	1/29/2019
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/29/2019
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol	1/30/2019
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	1/30/2019
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	1/30/2019
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	1/30/2019
Adam G. Hinds	Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden	1/30/2019
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	1/31/2019
Cindy F. Friedman	Fourth Middlesex	1/31/2019
Brendan P. Crighton	Third Essex	1/31/2019
Daniel J. Hunt	13th Suffolk	1/31/2019
Paul R. Feeney	Bristol and Norfolk	1/31/2019
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	1/31/2019
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	1/31/2019
Diana DiZoglio	First Essex	1/31/2019
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	2/1/2019
Eric P. Lesser	First Hampden and Hampshire	2/1/2019
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	2/1/2019
John F. Keenan	Norfolk and Plymouth	2/1/2019
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	2/1/2019
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	2/1/2019
Nick Collins	First Suffolk	2/4/2019
Patrick Joseph Kearney	4th Plymouth	2/28/2019
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	4/8/2019
Walter F. Timilty	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth	4/8/2019

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, Senate, No. 16) of Jason M. Lewis, Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis, Julian Cyr and other members of the General Court for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars. Revenue.

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

#### ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

- 1 Article 44 of the Massachusetts Constitution is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraph at the end thereof:-
- 3 To provide the resources for quality public education and affordable public colleges and
- 4 universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation, all
- 5 revenues received in accordance with this paragraph shall be expended, subject to appropriation,
- 6 only for these purposes. In addition to the taxes on income otherwise authorized under this
- 7 Article, there shall be an additional tax of 4 percent on that portion of annual taxable income in

- 8 excess of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) reported on any return related to those taxes. To
- 9 ensure that this additional tax continues to apply only to the commonwealth's highest income
- taxpayers, this \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) income level shall be adjusted annually to reflect
- any increases in the cost of living by the same method used for federal income tax brackets. This
- paragraph shall apply to all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.