

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 199**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marjorie C. Decker***

*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 to lift kids out of deep poverty.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>

<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Moran</i>	<i>18th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/28/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>3/23/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>4/23/2021</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>	<i>4/23/2021</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>5/5/2021</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>5/5/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>5/6/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/12/2021</i>
<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>7/7/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>8/11/2021</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 199) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the payment standards for monthly benefits for parents with dependent children. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to lift kids out of deep poverty.

*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 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for  
4 monthly benefits for the program not including the rental allowance shall be increased effective  
5 July first of each year beginning with July 1, 2021 by 20 percent above the payment standard in  
6 effect in the previous fiscal year until the payment standard for the household size equals 50  
7 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size; provided further, that once the  
8 payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the  
9 household size, the payment standard shall be increased effective July first of each year in order  
10 that the payment standard shall be no less than 50% of the poverty level for the household size as  
11 determined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services; provided further, that the  
12 need standard and the payment amounts shall be further increased by the amount of a clothing

13 allowance in the month for which it is paid and by the rental allowance for households incurring  
14 a rent or mortgage expense and not residing in public or subsidized housing.

15 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 117A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
16 inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:-

17 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for  
18 monthly benefits for the program shall be increased effective July first of each year beginning  
19 with July 1, 2021 by 20 percent above the payment standard in effect in the previous fiscal year  
20 until the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level  
21 for the household size; provided further, that once the payment standard for the household size  
22 equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size, the payment standard shall  
23 be increased effective July first of each year in order that the payment standard shall be no less  
24 than 50% of the poverty level for the household size as determined by the federal Department of  
25 Health and Human Services.