

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3349**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Joan Meschino***

*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 conservation and natural gas infrastructure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3349) of Joan Meschino and others relative to conservation and natural gas infrastructure. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2899 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to conservation and natural gas infrastructure.

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

1 Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 146. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the  
3 contrary, prior to adding new capacity for natural gas to a system, a gas company shall recapture  
4 an equivalent volume of natural gas lost from the system by repairing identified gas leaks within  
5 the same municipality. If all identified leaks in a municipality have been repaired, the gas  
6 company shall pursue alternative conservation measures within the municipality or repair  
7 identified gas leaks within the region.

8 The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section and  
9 shall oversee and monitor company repairs.