

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay D. Livingstone and Jon Santiago

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 improving drinking water quality.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk	2/19/2021
Jon Santiago	9th Suffolk	2/19/2021

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By Messrs. Livingstone of Boston and Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4090) of Jay D. Livingstone and Jon Santiago for legislation to provide grants to gateway municipalities and the city of Boston for replacement of lead water distribution pipes. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act improving drinking water quality.

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

1 (a) Notwithstanding chapter 29C of the General Laws, sections 16 of chapter 275 of the 2 acts of 1989 or any other general or special law to the contrary, to provide an adequate supply of 3 safe drinking water, the department of environmental protection shall develop a pilot program, to 4 be administered by the Clean Water Trust established in said chapter 29C, to provide grants to 5 gateway municipalities and the city of Boston for replacement of lead water distribution pipes. 6 Subject to appropriation, the Clean Water Trust may apply amounts appropriated to the Water 7 Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund under paragraph (a) of said section 16 of said chapter 275 8 and any investment earnings thereon. Grants for replacement of distribution pipes shall constitute 9 drinking water projects for the purposes of said chapter 29C.

(b) Municipalities shall distribute grant funds to residents whose annual income is at or
below the median income for residents of the municipality.

- (c) All applications for grants for the replacement of distribution pipes shall be subject to
 section 127B¹/₂ of chapter 111 of the General Laws.
- 14 (d) No application for funding under this chapter shall be granted after June 30, 2026.