

HOUSE No. 4705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mike Connolly

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 authorizing the city of Cambridge to establish a net zero emissions standard for newly constructed buildings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/6/2022</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>4/13/2022</i>

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By Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4705) of Mike Connolly and Patricia D. Jehlen (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to establish a net zero standard for newly constructed buildings. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to establish a net zero emissions standard for newly constructed buildings.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, the City of Cambridge is authorized to establish a net zero standard for newly
3 constructed buildings, starting in January of 2022. Such a standard may impose limitations on the
4 combustion of fossil fuels in such buildings, as well as limit the installation of equipment that
5 combusts fossil fuels, in order to ensure reductions in building emissions congruent with state
6 and city climate change goals.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.