

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 944**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel J. Hunt***

*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 increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 944) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to direct the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to formulate a plan to increase small business participation in energy savings services and programs. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 806 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 increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of energy and  
2 environmental affairs, in consultation with the commissioner of environmental protection, shall  
3 make recommendations for increasing small businesses’ access to energy efficiency grants and  
4 programs. The recommendations shall, at a minimum, include: (i) proposed changes to existing  
5 programs to better aid small businesses with short-term leases in making energy efficient  
6 improvements to existing properties; (ii) proposed changes to other existing programs to suit the  
7 particular needs of small businesses; and (iii) proposals for new programs specifically aimed at  
8 small businesses. The secretary shall file the recommendations as a report with the house and

- 9 senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy and the clerks of
- 10 the house of representatives and the senate on or before January 15, 2022.