SENATE No. 1881

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam G. Hinds

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 promoting accountability in tax expenditures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Adam G. Hinds	Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and	
	Hampden	
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	3/8/2021

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1881) of Adam G. Hinds and James B. Eldridge for legislation to promote accountability in tax expenditures. Revenue.

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

An Act promoting accountability in tax expenditures.

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

- SECTION 1. Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
- 2 at the end thereof the following:-
- 3 (g) All expenditures listed in a report filed pursuant to subsection (e) shall expire one
- 4 year following the filing date of said report unless:-
- 5 (i) The expenditure is extended by the General Court; and
- 6 (ii) The General Court institutes a cap on said expenditure consistent with the nature of 7 the expenditure.
- 8 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
- 9 of revenue shall establish uniform guidelines for approving tax expenditures to promote best
- practices are followed. All agencies, boards, and commissions shall adhere to the guidelines
- 11 when approving a tax expenditure.