

HOUSE No. 895

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lindsay N. Sabadosa

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 to require separate carbon accounting for working lands and natural lands and to eliminate from Massachusetts net-zero carbon emissions goal any carbon offsets sold to entities outside of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/23/2023</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/21/2023</i>

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By Representative Sadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 895) of Lindsay N. Sadosa, Margaret R. Scarsdale and David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to further regulate climate policy and regulate carbon emissions. Environment and Natural Resources.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to require separate carbon accounting for working lands and natural lands and to eliminate from Massachusetts net-zero carbon emissions goal any carbon offsets sold to entities outside of the Commonwealth.

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 21N, Section 5, Part (xiii) as amended by Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021 is hereby
2 further amended by adding xiii D and xiii E as follows:

3 (xiii) (D) contain benchmarks, baseline measurements, measures of carbon flux, roadmap
4 goals and plans for natural and working lands reported separately for each of the following: 1)
5 agricultural lands, 2) forest lands managed for producing wood products, 3) forest lands in parks
6 or reserves and not available for producing wood products, and 4) any other natural or working
7 lands as deemed appropriate by the Secretary;

8 (xiii) (E) provide a full carbon accounting of all lands in the commonwealth with carbon
9 offset contracts in effect; any lands subject to such offsets that serve the purpose of offsetting
10 carbon emissions outside of Massachusetts shall not be counted toward meeting roadmap goals.