

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2147**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mindy Domb and Jon Santiago***

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*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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to Long COVID related needs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>

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By Representatives Domb of Amherst and Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2147) of Mindy Domb, Jon Santiago and others for an investigation by a special commission relative to long COVID related needs. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to Long COVID related needs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1           **Resolved**, that a special commission is hereby established (1) for the purpose of  
2 identifying the socio-economic, medical, public health, mental health, social, and fiscal needs  
3 related to the surveillance, care and treatment of persons with Long COVID in the  
4 commonwealth, and (2) for the purpose of recommending and prioritizing governmental and  
5 legislative actions related to the said needs of people living with Long COVID in the  
6 commonwealth, and to ensure that any such recommendations consider the disparate impacts of  
7 Long COVID on populations across the commonwealth and our commitment to equity, including  
8 racial, cultural and regional equity.

9           Resolved, The special commission shall consist of: 1 person to be appointed by the  
10 Speaker of the House; 1 person to be appointed by the senate president; 1 of whom shall be the  
11 Secretary of EOHHS or a designee, who will act as chair; 1 of whom shall be the MassHealth  
12 Director or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development  
13 or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of the Department of Public Health or a

14 designee; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health or a  
15 designee; 1 of whom shall be director of the statewide independent living council or a designee;  
16 1 of whom shall be the chancellor of UMass Chan Medical School or a designee with expertise  
17 in medical education curriculum, 1 of whom shall be the medical director of the COVID  
18 Recovery Center or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the president of the Mass Medical Society or  
19 a designee with expertise in continuing professional education; 1 of whom shall be the president  
20 of the Massachusetts Nurses Association or a designee with expertise in clinical care and MNA  
21 continuing education; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Massachusetts National  
22 Association of Social Workers or a designee with expertise in clinical practice and professional  
23 development; 1 of whom shall be the director of the Health Equity Core of the Harvard Medical  
24 School's Massachusetts Consortium on Pathogen Readiness or a designee; 2 persons who are  
25 living with Long COVID to be appointed by the governor; and 1 person from a community-  
26 based organization currently serving people living with Long COVID to be appointed by the  
27 Governor.

28 Said commission will ensure that its meetings shall be open to the public, notes will be  
29 taken and made available. The appointment of the commissioners shall occur within 30 days  
30 after the effective date of this resolve. The commission shall convene its first meeting no later  
31 than 45 days after the bill's enactment.

32 Said commission shall report to the Clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate,  
33 the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, the chairs of the joint committee on ways and  
34 means, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on health care financing, the  
35 joint committee on COVID-19 & emergency preparedness & management, and the governor, the  
36 results of its investigation and its recommendations, together with drafts of legislation or

37 regulations necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk  
38 of the house of representatives and the clerk of the senate on or before March 1, 2024.

39           The special commission shall dissolve 30 days after the submission of the report, unless  
40 upon a 2/3 vote of the Commission, a continuance is deemed necessary to complete the purpose  
41 of the Commission. The time frame of said continuance must be specified in the motion to  
42 extend time of operation.