

HOUSE No. 819

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jessica Ann Giannino

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 promote natural carbon sequestration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>

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By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 819) of Jessica Ann Giannino and others relative to the development of quantified net positive statewide natural carbon sequestration and storage goals. Environment and Natural Resources.

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

An Act to promote natural carbon sequestration.

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 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 3B, the
2 following section: -

3 Section 3C. The Secretary shall, in consultation with the department and the coastal zone
4 management office created in Section 4A of Chapter 21A, develop a quantified net positive
5 statewide carbon sequestration and storage goal for natural and working lands as defined in
6 Section 1. In consideration of Massachusetts’ substantial coastline, the Secretary shall study the
7 sequestration capacity of its salt marshes, seagrasses, and waterways in developing the
8 Commonwealth’s carbon sequestration goal. The sequestration goal shall be determined in
9 agreement with the statewide greenhouse gas emission reductions goals as established by the
10 Secretary.