

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 603**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Andres X. Vargas*

*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 universal school meals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>

<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Francisco E. Paulino</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Adrienne Pusateri Ramos</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Judith A. Garcia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>

<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Meghan K. Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Rita A. Mendes</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Pavel Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>

<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/5/2023</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>Christopher J. Worrell</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/15/2023</i>
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>3/15/2023</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/16/2023</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/20/2023</i>
<i>Dawne Shand</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>3/30/2023</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/2/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/11/2023</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>	<i>5/16/2023</i>
<i>Shirley B. Arriaga</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>	<i>6/30/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>7/12/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/20/2023</i>
<i>William F. MacGregor</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>10/4/2023</i>

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By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 603) of Andres X. Vargas and others relative to universal school meals and requiring schools to promote the supplemental nutrition assistance program to families. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 714 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to universal school meals.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 1C of Chapter 69 of the General Law, as appearing in the 2018  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following:- “The  
3   board shall require all schools providing school lunch as provided in the National School Lunch  
4   Act as amended or school breakfast as provided in the National Child Nutrition Act as amended,  
5   to make breakfast and lunch available at no charge to each attending student. Schools shall  
6   maximize access to federal funds for the cost of school breakfast and lunch programs by  
7   adopting the federal Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2, or other provisions under  
8   these acts.

9           To the extent that costs are not reimbursed through federal funds the cost of making  
10   available school lunches and breakfasts shall be borne by the department of elementary and

11 secondary education. The department shall reimburse the difference between the amount paid by  
12 the United States Department of Agriculture and the free rate as set annually by the United States  
13 Secretary of Agriculture under 42 U.S.C. 1759a for each school.

14 The department, in consultation with the department of transitional assistance, shall  
15 promulgate regulations for schools to promote the supplemental nutrition assistance program to  
16 families by either providing application assistance or a direct referral to an outreach partner  
17 identified by the department of transitional assistance or department of elementary and secondary  
18 education.”

19 SECTION 2: Sections under this act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.