

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2138**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen***

*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 protecting ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2138) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Rebecca L. Rausch, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Marc R. Pacheco and others for legislation to protect ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act protecting ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs.

*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 94A of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the final paragraph the following new  
3 paragraph:-

4           Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the department shall not approve any contract  
5 for the purchase of gas, gas pipeline capacity or liquefied gas storage where any contract costs  
6 would be recoverable from the ratepayers, if such contract requires any construction or  
7 expansion of interstate gas infrastructure.