

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 120**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia A. Duffy and Daniel M. Donahue***

*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 supporting the Commonwealth’s food system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2025</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2025</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>
<i>John Francis Moran</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/1/2025</i>

<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>4/1/2025</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/9/2025</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>5/12/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>5/19/2025</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>6/10/2025</i>

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By Representatives Duffy of Holyoke and Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 120) of Patricia A. Duffy, Daniel M. Donahue and others that the Food Policy Council appoint a food system coordinator as an employee. Agriculture.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 92 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act supporting the Commonwealth’s food system.

*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 6C of chapter 20 of the General Laws is amended by inserting the following  
2 subsection:-

3 (h) The council shall appoint a full time food system coordinator as an employee. The  
4 food system coordinator shall have access to all relevant agency meetings; serve in an advisory  
5 capacity to all relevant departments to inventory existing state programs which relate to the food  
6 system across all state agencies, including, but not limited to, agencies associated with the  
7 council; facilitate communication and resource collaboration across state agencies; develop and  
8 track metrics related to food system goals; identify opportunities to eliminate duplicative efforts  
9 and strengthen complementary programs and projects; identify gaps in services and supports and

10 make recommendations; and provide input to help coordinate outreach to underserved  
11 communities. The food system coordinator shall submit a report 1 week prior to each council  
12 meeting with findings, progress updates, and recommendations to the clerks of the senate and the  
13 house of representatives, the council, relevant department secretaries, and relevant department  
14 commissioners.