

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1850**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jay D. Livingstone***

*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 address arbitration and litigation relief.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1850) of Jay D. Livingstone for legislation to address arbitration and litigation relief. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to address arbitration and litigation relief.

*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 20 of chapter 223 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:

3           (X) “Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, any person who is at least 18 years  
4 old and not a party may serve a summons and complaint for all civil actions pending in District  
5 Court, Boston Municipal Court, or Superior Court.”

6           SECTION 2: Section 32 of chapter 260 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after “matter of form,” the following: “or a  
8 dismissal as a result of an arbitration agreement,”