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HOUSE . . . . . No. 214

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 lift kids out of deep poverty.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*1/14/2025*
Christopher Hendricks	*11th Bristol*	*1/23/2025*
Steven Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*1/23/2025*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*1/23/2025*
Edward R. Philips	*8th Norfolk*	*1/23/2025*
Paul J. Donato	*35th Middlesex*	*1/23/2025*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*1/23/2025*
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*1/27/2025*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*1/29/2025*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/29/2025*
Frank A. Moran	*17th Essex*	*1/29/2025*
Christine P. Barber	*34th Middlesex*	*1/29/2025*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/29/2025*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*1/29/2025*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*1/29/2025*
Dennis C. Gallagher	*8th Plymouth*	*1/29/2025*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*1/30/2025*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*1/30/2025*

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/30/2025*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*1/30/2025*
Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*	*1/30/2025*
Christopher Richard Flanagan	*1st Barnstable*	*1/30/2025*
William F. MacGregor	*10th Suffolk*	*1/30/2025*
Carlos González	*10th Hampden*	*1/30/2025*
Judith A. Garcia	*11th Suffolk*	*2/5/2025*
Erika Uyterhoeven	*27th Middlesex*	*2/6/2025*
Mark D. Sylvia	*10th Bristol*	*2/6/2025*
Manny Cruz	*7th Essex*	*2/10/2025*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/10/2025*
Daniel Cahill	*10th Essex*	*2/10/2025*
Jennifer Balinsky Armini	*8th Essex*	*2/12/2025*
James C. Arena-DeRosa	*8th Middlesex*	*2/12/2025*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*	*2/12/2025*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*2/18/2025*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*2/18/2025*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*	*2/18/2025*
Joan Meschino	*3rd Plymouth*	*2/20/2025*
Rob Consalvo	*14th Suffolk*	*2/20/2025*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*2/24/2025*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*2/24/2025*
Kevin G. Honan	*17th Suffolk*	*3/3/2025*
Sally P. Kerans	*13th Essex*	*3/3/2025*
Kate Donaghue	*19th Worcester*	*3/3/2025*
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*	*3/5/2025*
Thomas W. Moakley	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*	*3/11/2025*
Tara T. Hong	*18th Middlesex*	*3/11/2025*
Adrianne Pusateri Ramos	*14th Essex*	*3/11/2025*
Danillo A. Sena	*37th Middlesex*	*3/11/2025*
Shirley B. Arriaga	*8th Hampden*	*3/11/2025*
Christopher J. Worrell	*5th Suffolk*	*3/14/2025*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*3/17/2025*
John Barrett, III	*1st Berkshire*	*3/17/2025*
Sean Reid	*11th Essex*	*3/19/2025*
Bridget Plouffe	*9th Plymouth*	*3/19/2025*
Priscila S. Sousa	*6th Middlesex*	*3/19/2025*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*3/26/2025*
Kristin E. Kassner	*2nd Essex*	*3/26/2025*

David Biele	*4th Suffolk*	*3/26/2025*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*	*3/26/2025*
Michael P. Kushmerek	*3rd Worcester*	*4/7/2025*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*4/7/2025*
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	*17th Worcester*	*4/7/2025*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*4/7/2025*
Greg Schwartz	*12th Middlesex*	*4/15/2025*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*4/15/2025*
Aaron L. Saunders	*7th Hampden*	*4/28/2025*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*4/28/2025*
Pavel M. Payano	*First Essex*	*6/11/2025*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*6/11/2025*
Amy Mah Sangiolo	*11th Middlesex*	*5/12/2025*
Estela A. Reyes	*4th Essex*	*5/28/2025*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*6/11/2025*
Andres X. Vargas	*3rd Essex*	*7/9/2025*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*	*9/25/2025*
Homar Gómez	*2nd Hampshire*	*10/1/2025*
Michelle L. Badger	*1st Plymouth*	*10/14/2025*
Hannah Bowen	*6th Essex*	*10/22/2025*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*	*10/22/2025*
Daniel J. Ryan	*2nd Suffolk*	*11/18/2025*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*	*11/18/2025*
Christopher M. Markey	*9th Bristol*	*11/18/2025*
Rita A. Mendes	*11th Plymouth*	*11/18/2025*
Jessica Ann Giannino	*16th Suffolk*	*11/18/2025*
Richard G. Wells, Jr.	*7th Norfolk*	*11/19/2025*
Joshua Tarsky	*13th Norfolk*	*11/19/2025*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*11/19/2025*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*	*11/20/2025*
Hadley Luddy	*4th Barnstable*	*11/20/2025*
Alan Silvia	*7th Bristol*	*11/20/2025*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*2nd Berkshire*	*11/25/2025*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*12/8/2025*

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By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 214) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the payment standards for monthly benefits for parents with dependent children. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act to lift kids out of deep poverty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for monthly benefits for the program not including the rental allowance shall be increased effective July first of each year beginning with July 1, 2025 by 20 percent above the payment standard in effect in the previous fiscal year until the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size; provided further, that once the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size, the payment standard shall be increased effective July first of each year in order that the payment standard shall be no less than 50 percent of the poverty level for the household size as determined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services; provided further,

that the need standard and the payment amounts shall be further increased by the amount of a clothing allowance in the month for which it is paid and by the rental allowance for households incurring a rent or mortgage expense and not residing in public or subsidized housing.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 117A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:-

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for monthly benefits for the program shall be increased effective July first of each year beginning with July 1, 2025 by 20 percent above the payment standard in effect in the previous fiscal year until the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size; provided further, that once the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size, the payment standard shall be increased effective July first of each year in order that the payment standard shall be no less than 50 percent of the poverty level for the household size as determined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.