

HOUSE No. 2346

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Erika Uyterhoeven

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 a local option for municipalities to own and operate their own internet provider.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2346) of Erika Uytterhoeven relative to municipalities owning and operating broadband high speed internet infrastructure and services. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act relative to a local option for municipalities to own and operate their own internet provider.

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

1 Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended by section 9 of chapter 248 of the acts of
2 2024, is here by amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 71. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city, town,
4 municipality or district that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4
5 may own, operate, maintain or manage broadband high speed internet infrastructure and services
6 or hire others to do so on its behalf and may take any reasonable action necessary to establish
7 and operate broadband high speed internet infrastructure and services without establishing a
8 municipal lighting plant.