

HOUSE No. 3951

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mike Connolly

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 addressing the contradictory terms of 225 CMR 24.03.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3951) of Mike Connolly relative to municipal fossil fuel free building construction and renovation demonstration projects. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act addressing the contradictory terms of 225 CMR 24.03.

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

1 Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of 225 CMR 24.03, as in effect as of the passage
2 of this act, no municipality that withdrew its local approval, as defined in subsection (a) of
3 section 84 of chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, for participation in the demonstration project
4 established pursuant to said section 84 shall be considered a prioritized community for the
5 purposes of demonstration project participation. Notwithstanding subsection (c) of said section
6 84, the department of energy resources shall admit to the demonstration project any municipality,
7 upon the municipality's request by its chief executive officer, that received local approval and
8 submitted a home rule petition to the general court on the subject matter of said section 84 prior
9 to the initial promulgation of regulations by the department of energy resources pursuant to
10 subsection (f) of said section 84.