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