

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Duffy and Daniel M. Donahue

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 supporting the Commonwealth’s food system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act supporting the Commonwealth’s food system.

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 6C of chapter 20 of the General Laws is amended by inserting the following
2 subsection:-

3 (h) The council shall appoint a full time food system coordinator as an employee. The
4 food system coordinator shall have access to all relevant agency meetings; serve in an advisory
5 capacity to all relevant departments to inventory existing state programs which relate to the food
6 system across all state agencies, including, but not limited to, agencies associated with the
7 council; facilitate communication and resource collaboration across state agencies; develop and
8 track metrics related to food system goals; identify opportunities to eliminate duplicative efforts
9 and strengthen complementary programs and projects; identify gaps in services and supports and
10 make recommendations; and provide input to help coordinate outreach to underserved
11 communities. The food system coordinator shall submit a report 1 week prior to each council

12 meeting with findings, progress updates, and recommendations to the clerks of the senate and the
13 house of representatives, the council, relevant department secretaries, and relevant department
14 commissioners.