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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 protecting ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2291) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to protect ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2138* OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act protecting ratepayers from gas pipeline expansion costs.

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

Section 94A of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the final paragraph the following new paragraph:-

Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, the department shall not approve any contract for the purchase of gas, gas pipeline capacity or liquefied gas storage where any contract costs would be recoverable from the ratepayers, if such contract requires any construction or expansion of interstate gas infrastructure.