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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dorcena Forry

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 to provide immediate relief to small businesses on health care costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex*
Gloria L. Fox	*7th Suffolk*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. Forry of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2896) of Linda Dorcena Forry and others relative to removing employees with certain health coverage from the calculation of an employer's fair share contribution, so called, and eliminating the collection of certain employer health care information by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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

SECTION 1. Section 188 of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (c) the following new subparagraph:-

(11) In calculating the fair share assessment, employees who have qualifying health insurance coverage from a spouse, a parent, a veteran's plan, Medicare, Medicaid, or a plan or plans due to a disability or retirement shall not be included in the numerator or denominator for purposes of determining whether an employer is a Contributing Employer as defined in 114.5 CMR 16.00.

SECTION 2. Section 304 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004, requiring the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to produce a list of employers who have 50 or more employees using public health assistance each year, is hereby repealed.