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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia S. Creem	
James B. Eldridge	
Kevin G. Honan	*17th Suffolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1420) of Cynthia S. Creem, James B. Eldridge and Kevin G. Honan for legislation to improve the earned income tax credit for working families. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1245* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

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 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 173 of the Acts of 2008, is hereby amended by striking out, in the second sentence, the figure “15” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— “20”.

SECTION 2. Section 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the third sentence, the figure “15” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— “20”.

SECTION 3. Section 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

The commissioner of revenue shall institute an outreach program to inform taxpayers about the earned income tax credit, the requirements for claiming the credit, and the

11 option to receive the benefit throughout the year in each paycheck. In order to institute said

12 program, the commissioner shall, to the extent that it is practicable, partner in outreach efforts

13 with groups, including but not limited to, utility companies, labor organizations, chambers of

14 commerce, municipalities, community based organizations and taxpayer advocates.