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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 directing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to install sound barriers in Quincy and Braintree..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John F. Keenan	
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1755) of John F. Keenan, Bruce J. Ayers and Tackey Chan for legislation relative to directing the Massachusetts Bay transportation Authority to install sound barriers in Quincy and Braintree. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1942* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act directing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to install sound barriers in Quincy and Braintree..

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive sound study along the Red Line extension to Braintree, so-called, from the Neponset River Bridge to the Braintree Red Line Train Station, to determine the ambient noise level, using the background A-weighted sound pressure levels that is exceeded ninety percent of the time measured during equipment operating hours over a minimum of a twenty-four period, less the noise generated by the existing MBTA trains. Said study shall be conducted by an acoustical engineer employed by or on behalf of the MBTA. In those residential areas where the decibel level generated by the Red Line trains exceeds the ambient level by ten or more decibels, the

10 MBTA is hereby ordered and directed to install sound barriers in order to mitigate said noise
11 pollution problems.

12 Said barriers shall be of a design approved by an acoustical engineer hired by or
13 employed by the Transit Authority. Said design shall then be approved by said Authority and
14 local Board(s) of Health(s) Departments after a public hearing process.