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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act regarding community access to energy efficiency programs and green jobs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Michael F. Rush	*Suffolk and Norfolk*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Jeffrey Sánchez	*15th Suffolk*
Susan C. Fargo	☐ *[District]* ☐
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Sonia Chang-Diaz	☐ *[District]* ☐

Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Kevin G. Honan	*17th Suffolk*
Michael D. Brady	*9th Plymouth*
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Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Nick Collins	*4th Suffolk*
Aaron Michlewitz	*3rd Suffolk*
Harriette L. Chandler	☐ *[District]* ☐
Carlos Henriquez	*5th Suffolk*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Gloria L. Fox	*7th Suffolk*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*
Patricia D. Jehlen	☐ *[District]* ☐
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*
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By Mr. Sciortino of Medford and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1774) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and others relative to energy efficiency programs and green jobs. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act regarding community access to energy efficiency programs and green jobs.

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. Chapter 25 of the General Laws is amended by in Section 21by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsections:-

"(f) Energy Efficiency Program Reporting. In implementing its energy efficiency plan, each electric and natural gas distribution company Program Administrator and any entity that receives public subsidy and provides energy efficiency services shall, in consultation with the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council, as defined by section 22 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, and subject to the approval of the Department of Public Utilities:

1. Report the residential and commercial ratepayers and buildings that receive energy efficiency program benefits to the Department Of Energy Resources. The report shall specify for each participant the US Census Block Group of the address served; energy efficiency measures provided; program and participant dollars spent per measure; energy savings per measure; and whether the participant is a renter or owner.

2. Not later than January 1, 2012 and every January 1 and July 1 of each year thereafter, each electric and natural gas distribution company Program Administrator and any entity that receives public subsidy and provides energy efficiency services shall submit the data identified in Section (f)(1) to the Department Of Energy Resources.

g. Energy Efficiency Program Database. The Department Of Energy Resources shall establish and maintain a database to store and manage the data.

21 (h) Statewide Weatherization Goals. The Department Of Energy Resources will
22 establish statewide goals to weatherize 100% of residential homes and 50% of the businesses in
23 Massachusetts by 2030 and establish benchmarks for equitable access to energy efficiency
24 program benefits.

25 1. The Department Of Energy Resources shall establish annual benchmarks for
26 reaching the statewide goals and providing equitable access to historically harder-to-reach
27 segments, including, but not limited to, residential rental properties, low and moderate-income
28 homeowners and renters (those earning up to 120% state median income), communities whose
29 primary language is not English, and small commercial businesses, which may not be
30 participating at rates commensurate with the funds that they are paying into the programs as
31 ratepayers.

32 i. Not later than January 1, 2012 and every January 1 of each year thereafter, the
33 Department Of Energy Resources shall provide a report demonstrating whether energy efficiency
34 programs are reaching ratepayers and buildings equitably, and progress towards reaching the
35 statewide weatherization goals.

36 2. For purposes of this subsection, weatherize means: the practice of protecting a
37 building and its interior from sunlight, precipitation, and wind, and of modifying a building to
38 reduce energy consumption and optimize energy efficiency.

39 3. The Department Of Energy Resources shall promulgate regulations to implement
40 the requirements of this legislation within twelve months following passage of this legislation."

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42 SECTION 2. Chapter 23J of the General Laws is amended in Section 10 by inserting
43 after subsection (iii) the following new subsection:-

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45 "(iv) Funds provided to the Pathways Out Of Poverty Initiative shall be used to:

46 1. Collect data on jobs created and demographic information about who is hired;

47 2. Adopt targeted hiring goals;

48 3. Require inclusion of Responsible Employer language in all state Requests For
49 Proposals and contracts;

50 4. The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development and Department Of Energy
51 Resources shall submit within six months after passage of this legislation, a report to the Energy
52 Efficiency Advisory Council and Department of Public Utilities, detailing the energy efficiency

53 and green industry workforce development needs in the State. The report shall include
54 recommended legislation to implement the proposed plan on a long-term basis.

55 5. For purposes of this subsection, a Responsible Employer is: an employer that
56 complies with all workplace laws and Criminal Offender Record Information requirements,
57 provides fair wage and benefits levels, properly classifies workers, implements local and targeted
58 hiring requirements, and abides by comprehensive safety and health plans.

59 6. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center shall adopt regulations to implement the
60 requirements of this legislation within twelve months following passage of this legislation."