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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Paul Linsky

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 relative to a special commission to study electric and magnetic fields.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
James B. Eldridge	☐ *[District]* ☐
Karen E. Spilka	☐ *[District]* ☐

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2901) of David Paul Linsky and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the health and safety of electric and magnetic fields from transmission lines. Public Health.

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An Act relative to a special commission to study electric and magnetic fields.

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 or regulation to the contrary, a special commission hereafter referred to as the commission, is hereby established for the purpose of investigating the public health effects and safety of electric and magnetic fields emanating from overhead or other electric transmission wires. The commission shall investigate but not limited to assessing any risks to health that may exist from exposure to electric and magnetic fields.

The commission shall be appointed by the governor, shall consist of twelve members must have the follow individuals: the House and Senate chairmen of the joint committee on telecommunications and energy who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission, one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker, one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection a representative from Department of Public Utilities, a representative from the Department of Public Health, a representative from the American Cancer Society, a representative from the Environmental League of Massachusetts, and a representative from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The commission shall meet and may hold hearings and invite testimony from experts and the public. The commission shall report to the general court the results of its study, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2012.