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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 the safety and maintenance of gas shut-off valves.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James E. Timilty	*Bristol and Norfolk*
Michael F. Rush	*Norfolk and Suffolk*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
David M. Nangle	*17th Middlesex*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
John P. Fresolo	*16th Worcester*
Edward F. Coppinger	*10th Suffolk*
Walter F. Timilty	*7th Norfolk*
Michael D. Brady	*9th Plymouth*
Nick Collins	*4th Suffolk*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1621) of James E. Timilty, Michael F. Rush, Josh S. Cutler, Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the safety and maintenance of gas shut-off valves. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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An Act relative to the safety and maintenance of gas shut-off valves.

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

Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

Section 145. Gate boxes on gas shut-off valves

All gas companies shall install gate boxes on all shut-off valves located on all gas mains and services, to make valves more easily and immediately accessible. The gas companies shall annually inspect and ensure the operability of the shut-off valves and shall ensure that the shut-off valves are unobstructed and easily accessible.