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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

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 to promote alternative energy on farms..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*

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By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 332) of Stephen M. Brewer, Anne M. Gobi and Ellen Story for legislation to promote alternative energy on farms. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *378* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to promote alternative energy on farms..

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. The Department of Agriculture Resources is hereby authorized and directed to establish, subject to appropriation, a loan program, to be administered in consultation with MasDevelopment, to provide loans on favorable terms and conditions to farmers and groups of farmers for the following purposes: implementing or improving alternative energy systems; implementing or improving water saving systems; implementing or improving energy saving systems; and implementing or improving alternative heating and cooling systems. In establishing the loan program authorized under this section, DAR shall utilize, to the extent practicable and appropriate to making available loans on favorable terms and conditions for the purposes described in this section, arrangements with private lending institutions involving linked deposits, loan guarantees, sharing of administrative costs, and other means deemed appropriate by DAR.