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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 expanding the ability of communities to use community preservation funds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Karen E. Spilka	☐ *[District]* ☐
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 78) of Karen E. Spilka, Carolyn C. Dykema and Chris Walsh for legislation to expand the ability of communities to use community preservation funds. Community Development and Small Businesses.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act expanding the ability of communities to use community preservation funds.

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. Section 2 of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 27, after the word "town" the following:

"or a building owned by a city or town that has been determined by the community preservation committee to be a significant public building"

SECTION 2. Said section 2 is hereby further amended by inserting, in line 82, after the words "Part 68." the following:

"With respect to historic resources, rehabilitation shall also mean capital improvements to significant public buildings which increase the energy efficiency, allow for the use of renewable energy, or generate renewable energy for the purposes of heating, cooling or producing electricity. With respect to land for recreational use, rehabilitation shall include the replacement of playground equipment and other capital improvements to the land or the facilities thereon which make the land or the related facilities more functional for the related recreational use."