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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 land use regulations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 976) of Bruce E. Tarr and Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to land use regulations. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *1061* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to land use regulations.

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 to the contrary, no city or town of the Commonwealth shall enact, alter, or impose unfair and excessive land use regulations on individual landowners without compensation or other forms of relief.

Land use regulations shall include, zoning by-law changes that limit the use or potential uses of a piece of property, decisions by local boards and departments that limit the use or potential uses of property or any other local action that restricts the use of private property or by through its imposition reduces the fair market value of the piece of property.

Any landowner against whose property a land use regulation will affect shall be compensated for the loss of use, or potential uses as well as receive monetary compensation for the reduction in the fair market value of said property.