

HOUSE No. 160

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to end child homelessness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 160) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to develop housing plans for families with minor children that are being evicted from publicly subsidized housing. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 115 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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An Act to end child homelessness.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no family with children under
2 the age of eighteen shall be evicted of removed from public housing, publicly subsidized
3 housing, or a shelter funded in whole or in part with public funds, including a motel or hotel
4 providing emergency shelter, unless and until the Housing Services Unit of the Department of
5 Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community
6 Development, has developed and is able to implement a plan to assure that all children under
7 eighteen in the affected family will be housed in some location which is fit for human habitation.
8 All reasonable efforts shall be made to provide that such children remain in the custody of their
9 parents or other caregivers with whom they have been residing.