

HOUSE No. 1692

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to the defense of private property rights through the prevention of abusive eminent domain takings in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1692) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to damages from eminent domain takings for private investment. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the defense of private property rights through the prevention of abusive eminent domain takings in the Commonwealth.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 1 the following new section:

3 “Section 1A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any agreement
4 for damages from an eminent domain taking— for private or commercial investment— must
5 award a minimum of two hundred percent of fair market value for the parcel of land.”

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.