

HOUSE No. 1750

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan Hecht

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 allow equal access solar net metering projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>

Frank I. Smizik
Chris Walsh

15th Norfolk
6th Middlesex

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By Mr. Hecht of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1750) of Jonathan Hecht and others for legislation to allow equal access to solar net metering projects. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to allow equal access solar net metering projects.

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. Section 138 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the definition of “customer” the following definition:-

3 “equal access solar net metering project”, the solar energy generating equipment
4 interconnected with the electric distribution system at a single point behind a single meter where
5 a customer of a distribution company’s load is measured, with a nameplate capacity of not more
6 than 60kw AC, located on a parcel of land subdivided after January 1, 2010 or co-owned or co-
7 tenanted by multiple customers of a distribution company.

8 SECTION 2. Section 139 of Chapter 164 is hereby amended by inserting after subsection
9 (k) the following subsection:-

10 (l) There shall be no more than one equal access solar net metering project registered to a
11 particular customer of a distribution company on a single parcel of land, excepting equal access
12 solar net metering projects registered to publicly-assisted housing developments as defined in

13 chapter 40T, section 1; provided further that no particular customer of a distribution company
14 shall register both an equal access solar net metering solar project and a solar net metering
15 facility on a single parcel of land; provided further that the aggregate capacity of equal access
16 solar net metering projects and solar net metering facilities on a single parcel of land shall not
17 exceed 2MW; and provided further that for the purposes of calculating net metering credits,
18 market net metering credits and any incentives offered pursuant to section 11F of chapter 25 of
19 the general laws or section 11 of chapter 75 of the acts of 2016, the capacity of an equal access
20 solar net metering project shall not be aggregated with any other equal access solar net metering
21 projects or solar net metering facilities located on the same parcel of land.

22 SECTION 3. No solar energy generating equipment interconnected with the electric
23 distribution system before the effective date of this act shall qualify as an equal access solar net
24 metering project.