

HOUSE No. 2529

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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to income tax.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Jonathan Hecht</i> | <i>29th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | <i>Second Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i> | <i>15th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Jay D. Livingstone</i> | <i>8th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Tom Sannicandro</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Ellen Story</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Aaron Vega</i> | <i>5th Hampden</i> |

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By Mr. Hecht of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 2529) of Jonathan Hecht and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to allow for a graduated income tax. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to income tax.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 SECTION 1: Article XLIV of the Amendments to the Constitution is hereby amended by
2 striking out the second and third sentences and inserting in place thereof the following:-
3 “Such tax may be levied at a uniform rate or at graduated rates and may be at different
4 rates upon income derived from different classes of property. The general court may grant
5 reasonable exemptions and abatements and establish the number and range of brackets.”