

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2759**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Anne M. Gobi**

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*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 bill:

An Act relative to the taxation of real property.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2922 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY.

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

1                    Clause Third of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

3                    (f) In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this paragraph, real estate owned by or  
4 held in trust for private schools of higher learning shall make a payment to each municipality in which the  
5 real estate owned by or held in trust by said private schools of higher learning is sited. The payment shall  
6 be in the amount equal to the sum of the property taxes which would otherwise have been payable by  
7 private schools of higher learning to municipalities. Nothing in this section shall preclude the  
8 municipality from entering into a host community agreement that provides for benefits to the municipality  
9 either monetary or non-monetary.