

HOUSE No. 4100

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas

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 providing for a study of noise impacts from Interstate 495.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>5/20/2021</i>

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By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation conduct a comprehensive noise study along interstate highway Route 495 in the city of Haverhill. Transportation.

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

An Act providing for a study of noise impacts from Interstate 495.

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, the Massachusetts
2 Department of Transportation shall conduct a comprehensive noise study of the Tanglewood
3 Park Drive neighborhood along interstate highway route 495 in the city of Haverhill, to
4 determine the ambient noise level generated by traffic and the traffic-related noise impact on
5 surrounding areas. The department shall make recommendations for noise abatement methods,
6 including, but not limited to a highway noise barrier. The comprehensive noise study shall be
7 conducted by an acoustical engineer employed by or on behalf of the Massachusetts Department
8 of Transportation. The results of the study and the department recommendations shall be filed
9 with the chairs of the joint committee on transportation and the clerks of the house of
10 representatives and the senate on or before June 1, 2022.