

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4626**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark***

*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 establishing emergency funding for homeless services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>

<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton and Mark of Peru, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to appropriate funds to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for emergency funding for certain homeless services. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act establishing emergency funding for homeless services.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to support people experiencing homeless during the COVID19 pandemic, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and health.

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

1 Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019 shall be amended in line item 8800-0001 by striking out  
2 "For the operations of the Massachusetts emergency management agency; provided, that  
3 expenditures from this item shall be contingent upon the prior approval of the proper federal  
4 authorities..... \$1,237,600" and shall be  
5 replaced with "For the operations of the Massachusetts emergency management agency;  
6 provided, that expenditures from this item shall be contingent upon the prior approval of the  
7 proper federal authorities; provided further that funds shall be dispersed in coordination with  
8 local and state authorities to fund all seasonal shelters for families and individuals beyond their  
9 normal months of operation, to establish emergency shelters equipped with bathrooms and

10 showers as well as quarantine shelters, to provide telehealth behavioral health services and  
11 access to medication assisted treatment, to coordinate with local food systems in order to provide  
12 regular, hygiene meal service, and to ensure all students have access to the necessary technology  
13 and materials so that they may continue their studies in the event of school closures  
14 ..... \$11,237,600.