SENATE

. No. 01036

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 MBTA billboards in the city of Quincy.

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PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John F. Keenan	Norfolk and Plymouth
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1036) of John F. Keenan and Tackey Chan and for legislation relative to MBTA billboards in the city of Quincy [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE

□ SENATE , NO. *2065* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to MBTA billboards in the city of Quincy.

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

- SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
- 2 contrary, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or its successors, including but not
- 3 limited to the Division of Public Transit in the Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority
- 4 shall be prohibited from constructing, erecting, placing and/or maintaining any off premises
- 5 sign(s) which is a sign that advertises or announces a use conducted or goods provided that are
- 6 available elsewhere than within the building and/or structure and/or the lot on which the sign(s)
- 7 is located within the City of Quincy that is:
- 8 In a predominantly residential neighborhood;

- 9 Not in harmony with or suitable for the surrounding area or would do significant damage 10 to the visual environment;
- Within three-hundred feet (300') of a public park, playground, cemetery, forest,
- 12 reservation and/or any other scenic or recreational area, walking path/trail, historic or
- 13 conservation area, regardless of ownership, which is available for public use or reserved for the
- 14 public, if within view of the same at any time of the year; and
- Not in conformity and not in compliance with the local zoning ordinances and regulations
- 16 of the City of Quincy.
- 17 SECTION 2. No such off-premises sign(s) shall be constructed, erected, placed and/or
- 18 maintained with the purpose of circumventing the intent of this Home Rule Petition.
- 19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon passage.