

SENATE No. 1454

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eric P. Lesser

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 streamlining COVID-19 vaccination sign-up in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>John Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>

<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
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<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>

<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2021</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>

SENATE No. 1454

By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1454) of Eric P. Lesser, Anne M. Gobi, Cindy F. Friedman, Harriette L. Chandler and other members of the General Court for legislation to streamline COVID-19 vaccination sign-up in Massachusetts. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act streamlining COVID-19 vaccination sign-up in Massachusetts.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to ensure all residents of Massachusetts have equal, efficient, and adequate accessibility to COVID-19 vaccinations, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 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 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of public
2 health shall immediately establish a centralized, one-stop portal on the mass.gov website to be
3 used to determine eligibility and allow one-stop online sign-up for COVID-19 vaccinations. Said
4 portal shall be made available to all residents of Massachusetts and must be accessible via
5 internet and mobile device. Said portal shall also be translated and accessible in multiple
6 languages. The department of public health shall also establish a centralized phone number for
7 residents of Massachusetts to determine eligibility, allow sign-up for COVID-19 vaccinations,
8 and ask questions regarding vaccination eligibility and the vaccination sign-up process. Said
9 phone number shall be staffed 24-hours a day, seven days per week and shall include sufficient
10 staffing to prevent significant wait times for callers. Vaccine eligibility determination and sign-

11 up for COVID-19 vaccinations via said phone number shall also be accessible in multiple
12 languages. The department of public health shall, by any means practicable, share information
13 about said portal and phone number with the general public, including, but not limited to, via the
14 “AlertsMA” text-based notification system.