

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1619**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Cynthia Stone Creem***

*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 improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1619) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to improve the earned income tax credit for working families. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1502 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6(h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 245 and 250, the figure “23” and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 50

4 SECTION 2. Section 6 (h) of said chapter 62 is hereby further amended by inserting after  
5 the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

6 The commissioner of revenue shall institute an outreach program to inform taxpayers  
7 about the earned income tax credit, the requirements for claiming the credit, and the option to  
8 receive the benefit throughout the year in each paycheck. In order to institute said program, the  
9 commissioner shall, to the extent that it is practicable, partner in outreach efforts with groups,

10 including but not limited to, utility companies, labor organizations, chambers of commerce,  
11 municipalities, community based organizations and taxpayer advocates.

12 SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2020 and shall apply to tax years  
13 beginning on or after January 1, 2020.