

SENATE . . . . . No. 1722

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 relative to revenue, information, and accountability.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	2/2/2017
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex	2/2/2017
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	2/2/2017
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	2/3/2017
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex	2/3/2017

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1722) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Mike Connolly, Denise Provost, Marjorie C. Decker and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to revenue, information, and accountability. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to revenue, information, and accountability.

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

1           The Secretary for Administration and Finance shall provide a short summary each year to  
2 be mailed to Massachusetts resident taxpayers by March 15, which reports the total amount of  
3 income tax paid to the federal government in the prior year, together with the per cent of those  
4 dollars allocated in the prior year’s Congressional discretionary budget to housing, education,  
5 healthcare, public transit, biomedical research, veterans services, food stamps and assistance,  
6 environmental protection, and defense spending including nuclear weapons. The report shall also  
7 include the estimated increase or decrease in federal funds being returned to Massachusetts in the  
8 various categories above, by comparing the current Congressional discretionary budget  
9 authorization with the prior year’s budget appropriations. The report shall include easy to read  
10 pie chart or bar graph form use the budget numbers reported by the Congressional Budget Office  
11 of the federal government. The report shall also remind taxpayers that Medicare and Social  
12 Security programs are financed as separate trust funds, not through income taxes.

13           The secretary may acquire the information required under this section from any  
14 nonpartisan, third-party organization that regularly compiles such data; provided further, the  
15 secretary may enter into an agreement with such an organization to produce the report on the  
16 secretary's behalf.