

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1769**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James B. Eldridge*

*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 to protect Massachusetts gas and electric ratepayers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1769) of James B. Eldridge, Denise Provost and Edward F. Coppinger for legislation to protect Massachusetts gas and electric ratepayers. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to protect Massachusetts gas and electric ratepayers.

*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. Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following section:-

3 Section 146.

4 (a) No tariff, tax or fee may be levied upon Massachusetts residents for the purpose of  
5 funding a natural gas pipeline that connects with a liquefied natural gas export terminal.

6 (b) This includes any fee to be levied by a gas or electric company upon gas or electric  
7 ratepayers in Massachusetts.

8 (c) Subsequent connection of a pipeline which was paid for in whole or in part by a tariff,  
9 tax or fee levied upon Massachusetts residents to a liquefied natural gas export terminal shall  
10 require reimbursement from the owner of the pipeline to residents in the full amount of what was  
11 collected.