

SENATE No. 1846

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 relative to solar power and the green economy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	
Paul W. Mark	2nd Berkshire	2/6/2017
Carmin L. Gentile	13th Middlesex	1/24/2017
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	1/25/2017
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire	1/26/2017
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	1/26/2017
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex	1/26/2017
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex	1/26/2017
Brian Murray	10th Worcester	1/26/2017
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	1/26/2017
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	1/26/2017
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	1/27/2017
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex	1/30/2017
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	1/30/2017
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	1/30/2017
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	1/30/2017
Kenneth J. Donnelly	Fourth Middlesex	1/30/2017
Jose F. Tosado	9th Hampden	1/31/2017

<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1846) of James B. Eldridge, Paul W. Mark, Carmine L. Gentile, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to solar power and the green economy. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to solar power and the green economy.

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 25A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 11I the following section:-

3 Section 11J. The department shall establish a commonwealth solar program to encourage
4 the development of solar photovoltaic technology by residential, commercial, governmental and
5 industrial electric customers throughout the commonwealth. The program shall be structured to
6 achieve 17.5 per cent solar electricity, measured by the sale of retail electricity to end-use
7 customers in the commonwealth, by December 31, 2025, and 25 per cent solar electricity by
8 December 31, 2030.

9 SECTION 2. Section 11F of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as so appearing in the
10 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 16 and 17, the words “and (3)
11 an additional 1 per cent of sales thereafter.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

12 (3) an additional 1 per cent of sales every year until December 31, 2017; (4) an additional 2 per
13 cent of sales until December 31, 2018, and (5) an additional 3 per cent of sales every year
14 thereafter.

15 SECTION 3. Section 139 of said chapter 164, as so appearing in the 2014 Official
16 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (f), and inserting in place thereof the
17 following subsection:-

18 (f) The maximum amount of generating capacity eligible for net metering by a
19 municipality or other governmental entity shall be 10 megawatts.