

SENATE No. 191

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by partnering world-class entrepreneurs with state agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 191) of Karen E. Spilka, John D. Keenan, Martha M. Walz, Paul McMurtry and other members of the General Court for legislation to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by partnering world-class entrepreneurs with state agencies. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by partnering world-class entrepreneurs with state agencies.

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 6A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2010 official edition is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 7A the following new section:

3 Section 7B. Each secretary may, without regard to chapter 31, appoint an entrepreneur-
4 in-residence to provide services to the executive office for a period not to exceed 2 years. An
5 entrepreneur in residence shall be a full-time employee of the executive office and shall report
6 directly to the secretary. The duties of an entrepreneur-in-residence shall include, but are not
7 limited to, assisting the executive office and agencies in improving outreach to small business
8 and entrepreneurs to address their concerns and provide information regarding the work of the
9 executive office and agencies; provide recommendations on inefficient or duplicative programs,
10 if any; provide recommendations on methods to improve program efficiency and new initiatives;
11 facilitate meetings and forums to educate the executive office and agencies about small business
12 needs and concerns and to educate entrepreneurs on programs or initiatives of the executive
13 office and the agencies; facilitate in-service training sessions for employees of the executive
14 office and agencies on issues related to the impact of the work of the executive office and
15 agencies on the success of entrepreneurs and small businesses; provide technical assistance or
16 mentorship to small businesses and entrepreneurs.

17 A person appointed to the position of entrepreneurs-in-residence shall be recognized by
18 their industry peers as successful in their field; have demonstrated success in working with small

19 businesses and entrepreneurs; and have developed, invented, or created a product and brought
20 the product to the marketplace.

21 SECTION 2. Chapter 7 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is
22 hereby amended by adding after section 4R the following new section:

23 Section 4S. The secretary may convene a working group of the entrepreneurs-in-
24 residence appointed under section 7B of chapter 6A to discuss best practices, experiences,
25 obstacles, and opportunities in each of the executive offices where the entrepreneurs in residence
26 serve, and to make recommendations for collaboration among the executive offices in order to
27 improve programs and initiatives which impact small businesses.