SENATE No. 2083

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 increasing the conservation land tax credit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	2/5/2025
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	2/5/2025
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/10/2025

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2083) of Bruce E. Tarr, Hannah Kane, Joanne M. Comerford and James B. Eldridge for legislation to increase the conservation land tax credit. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1940 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court (2025-2026)

An Act increasing the conservation land tax credit.

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

- SECTION 1. Subsection (p) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, in line 769, after the words "as
- 3 amended" the following words:- ", or private nonprofit trust compliant with chapter 203
- 4 organized for the purposes of land conservation, which is authorized to do business in the
- 5 commonwealth, and which has tax-exempt status as a nonprofit charitable organization as
- 6 described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 7 SECTION 2. Said subsection (p) of said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is
- 8 hereby amended by striking out, in line 835, the figure "\$2,000,000" and inserting in place
- 9 thereof the following figure:- "\$3,000,000".

- 10 SECTION 3. Said subsection (p) of said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is 11 hereby amended by striking out, in line 835, the figure "\$3,000,000" and inserting in place 12 thereof the following figure:- "\$4,000,000".
- 13 SECTION 4. Said subsection (p) of said section 6 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line835, the figure "\$4,000,000" and inserting in place thereof 15 the following figure:- "\$5,000,000".

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- SECTION 5. Section 38AA of chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding, in line 29, after the words "as amended" the following words:-, or a private nonprofit trust compliant with chapter 203 organized for the purposes of land conservation, which is authorized to do business in the commonwealth, and which has tax-exempt status as a nonprofit charitable organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 22 SECTION 6. Said section 38AA of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended 23 by striking out, in line 88, the figure "\$2,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following 24 figure:- "\$3,000,000".
 - SECTION 7. Said section 38AA of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 88, the figure "\$3,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "\$4,000,000".
- 28 SECTION 8. Said section 38AA of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended 29 by striking out, in line 88, the figure "\$4,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the following 30 figure:- "\$5,000,000".

- 31 SECTION 9. Sections 2 and 6 shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 32 SECTION 10. Sections 3 and 7 shall take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 33 SECTION 11. Sections 4 and 8 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.
- 34 SECTION 12. Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 of this act shall expire on December 31, 2035.