

**SENATE . . . . . No. 610**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Barbara L'Italien***

*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 ensure continued health insurance coverage for children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 610) of Barbara L'Italien, Marjorie C. Decker, Michael J. Barrett, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure continued health insurance coverage for children. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to ensure continued health insurance coverage for children.

*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 9A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 official  
2 edition is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

3 (17) The executive office of health and human services shall provide coverage to eligible  
4 children and adolescents from birth to age 18 inclusive who meet the eligibility requirements of  
5 clause (c) of sub-section 2 of this section, and to pregnant women under section 10E, regardless  
6 of the availability of federal funding under Title XXI of the Social Security Act; provided  
7 however that the executive office shall seek to maximize federal financial participation in the  
8 program through the demonstration project under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, or under  
9 the authority of Title XXI, if funding is available.