

HOUSE No. 120

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos González

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 internet speed during the COVID-19 outbreak.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

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By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 120) of Carlos González and others relative to internet speed during the COVID-19 outbreak. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to internet speed during the COVID-19 outbreak.

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

1 (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires
2 otherwise, have the following meanings:-

3 “Internet service provider”, a person who provides internet access to customers in the
4 commonwealth.

5 “State of emergency”, the state of emergency related to the outbreak COVID-19 in
6 Massachusetts, declared by the governor pursuant to executive order 591 or any subsequent
7 related order.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all Internet service
9 providers shall provide all residential customers in the commonwealth with the highest
10 bandwidth possible during the state of emergency in the manner that best ensures reliable
11 internet access so all residential customers may telework and connect during the state of
12 emergency.

13 (c) An Internet service provider shall not be required to adopt, create or implement new
14 technology or build or implement new infrastructure to comply with subsection (b).