

HOUSE No. 1589

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 eminent domain.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1589) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to eminent domain taking damages. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to eminent domain.

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 79 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 1 the following new section:

3 Section 1A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any agreement
4 for damages from an eminent domain taking— for private or commercial investment— must
5 award a minimum of two hundred percent of fair market value for the parcel of land.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.