

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1696**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Shaunna L. O'Connell***

*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 promoting small business in Massachusetts.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>

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By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1696) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others for the annual issuance of a proclamation by the Governor setting apart the first Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving day as small business weekend. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act promoting small business in Massachusetts.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15BBBBBB  
2 the following section:-

3 Section 15CCCCC. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the  
4 first Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving Day as Small Business Weekend, and  
5 recommend that said weekend be observed by the people in an appropriate manner.