

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1838**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Susan Williams Gifford*

*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 zoning and solar farms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Susan Williams Gifford*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Plymouth*

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By Ms. Gifford of Wareham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1838) of Susan Williams Gifford for legislation to include the installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures to facilitate the collection of solar energy under local zoning ordinances or by-laws. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1838 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to zoning and solar farms.

*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. Section 3 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out the ninth paragraph.

3 SECTION 2. Section 9B of said chapter 40A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
4 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

5 The installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures to facilitate  
6 the collection of solar energy shall be subject to local zoning ordinance or by-laws.