

HOUSE No. 1845

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mike Connolly and Erika Uytterhoeven

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 uplifting families and securing the right to strike for certain public employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>

<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>

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By Representatives Connolly of Cambridge and Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1845) of Mike Connolly, Erika Uytterhoeven and others relative to securing the right to strike for certain public employees. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act uplifting families and securing the right to strike for certain public employees.

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 9 of chapter 150E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “a reasonable period”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 6 months.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 9 of chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
5 by inserting, in line 19, after the word “mediation” the following words:- not to exceed 6 months.

6 SECTION 3. Said section 9 of chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
7 by striking out, in line 22, the words “If the impasse continues after the conclusion of mediation,
8 either” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- Either.

9 SECTION 4. Said section 9 of chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
10 by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:- The provisions of section 9A of this

11 chapter shall not apply once a petition for a determination of the existence of an impasse is filed
12 under this section, unless the negotiation pertains to public safety employees.

13 SECTION 5. Said chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in section
14 9A by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

15 (a) No public safety employee or public safety employee organization, or any other
16 public employee or public employee organization prior to 6 months of negotiation over the terms
17 of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to section 9, shall engage in a strike, work
18 stoppage, slowdown or withholding of services by such public employees.