

HOUSE No. 3138

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber and Mike Connolly

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 authorizing the city of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representatives Barber of Somerville and Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3138) of Christine P. Barber, Mike Connolly and Erika Uytterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a net zero standard for newly constructed buildings and major renovation projects. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5291 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to establish a net zero emissions standard for new constructed buildings and major renovation projects.

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. Pursuant to Chapter 179, Section 84 of the Acts of 2022 An Act Driving
2 Clean Energy And Offshore Wind, and notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or
3 regulation to the contrary, the City of Somerville is authorized to adopt or amend general or
4 zoning ordinances that require new building construction or major renovation projects to be
5 fossil fuel-free, and enforce restrictions and prohibitions on new building construction and major
6 renovation projects that are not fossil fuel-free, including through the withholding or
7 conditioning of building permits.

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