

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3180**

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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 enhancing public awareness of tax and fee increases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>

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By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3180) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others for legislation to require the House and Senate committees on Ways and Means to conduct public hearings on proposed legislation to establish, increase or expand taxes or fees. Ways and Means.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act enhancing public awareness of tax and fee increases.

*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 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38B the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 38B½. The committee on ways and means of each branch of the general court  
4 shall conduct no less than 6 public hearings on bills referred to them that purport to establish,  
5 increase or expand any new or existing taxes or fees. The committees shall give 3 days' public  
6 notice prior to holding such public hearings. Each hearing shall be conducted in a distinct  
7 geographical region of the commonwealth.