HOUSE No. 3363

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mike Connolly and Denise Provost

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 revenue, information, and accountability.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol
Natalie Higgins	4th Worcester
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk

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By Representatives Connolly of Cambridge and Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3363) of Mike Connolly and others that the Executive Office for Administration and Finance be authorized to provide a summary which reports the total amount of income tax paid to the federal government for the prior year. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act relative to revenue, information, and accountability.

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

1 The Secretary for Administration and Finance shall provide a short summary each year to 2 be mailed to Massachusetts resident taxpayers by March 15, which reports the total amount of 3 income tax paid to the federal government in the prior year, together with the per cent of those 4 dollars allocated in the prior year's Congressional discretionary budget to housing, education, 5 healthcare, public transit, biomedical research, veterans services, food stamps and assistance, 6 environmental protection, and defense spending including nuclear weapons. The report shall also 7 include the estimated increase or decrease in federal funds being returned to Massachusetts in the 8 various categories above, by comparing the current Congressional discretionary budget 9 authorization with the prior year's budget appropriations. The report shall include easy to read 10 pie chart or bar graph form use the budget numbers reported by the Congressional Budget Office

- of the federal government. The report shall also remind taxpayers that Medicare and Social Security programs are financed as separate trust funds, not through income taxes.
- The secretary may acquire the information required under this section from any nonpartisan, third-party organization that regularly compiles such data; provided further, the secretary may enter into an agreement with such an organization to produce the report on the secretary's behalf.