

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3637**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joan Meschino*

*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 conservation and natural gas infrastructure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3637) of Joan Meschino and others relative to conservation and natural gas infrastructure. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act relative to conservation and natural gas infrastructure.

*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 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 146. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the  
3 contrary, prior to adding new capacity for natural gas to a system, a gas company shall recapture  
4 an equivalent volume of natural gas lost from the system by repairing identified gas leaks within  
5 the same municipality. If all identified leaks in a municipality have been repaired, the gas  
6 company shall pursue alternative conservation measures within the municipality or repair  
7 identified gas leaks within the region.

8 The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section and  
9 shall oversee and monitor company repairs.