

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4622**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marjorie C. Decker*

*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 to provide short-term relief for families in deep poverty.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>

<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>

<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to relief payments for recipients of the transitional aid to families with dependent children and emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children programs within the Department of Transitional Assistance. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act to provide short-term relief for families in deep poverty.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2020 in order to provide prompt relief to families, elders and persons with disabilities struggling to meet unanticipated expenditures and loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

*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. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act  
2 and other appropriation acts for fiscal year 2020, the sums set forth in section 2 are hereby  
3 appropriated from the General Fund for the several purposes and subject to the conditions  
4 specified in this act and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the  
5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. These sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously  
6 appropriated and made available for the purposes of those items. These sums shall be made  
7 available until June 30, 2020.

8           Department of Transitional Assistance

9 Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Relief Payment

10 4403-2001 For the cost of providing a one-time benefit equal to the standard of need for  
11 the household size for all households receiving benefits funded by item 4403-2000 as of the  
12 effective date of this act \$17,000,000.

13 Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children Relief Payment

14 4408-1002 For the cost of providing a one-time benefit equal to the standard of need for  
15 the household size for all households receiving benefits funded by item 4008-1000 as of the  
16 effective date of this act \$6,000,000.