

HOUSE No. 4625

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark and Lindsay N. Sabadosa

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 COVID-19 emergency unemployment insurance expansion.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>

<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>

RoseLee Vincent

16th Suffolk

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By Representatives Mark of Peru and Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others for legislation to expand unemployment insurance benefits to certain employees due to the COVID-19 emergency declaration. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to COVID-19 emergency unemployment insurance expansion.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to expand unemployment insurance eligibility to individuals impacted by the COVID-19 state of emergency declarations, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace and 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. Section 24 of chapter 151A is hereby amended by adding the following:-

2 (d) The following employers and employees shall be eligible for benefits under this
3 chapter if they are directly impacted by the COVID-19 state of emergency declarations of
4 March, 2020.

5 Independent contractors, sole proprietors, partners in a partnership, freelance, and tipped
6 employees.

7 (e) No individual shall be considered ineligible for benefits because of emergency federal
8 or state emergency cash assistance or other benefits directly tied to the COVID-19 federal or
9 state level emergency declarations.

10 (f) No individual who receives said benefits shall be penalized for receiving these
11 benefits nor shall they be required to repay the benefits received.