

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4705**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Mike Connolly*

*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 authorizing the city of Cambridge to establish a net zero emissions standard for newly constructed buildings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/6/2022</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>4/13/2022</i>

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By Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4705) of Mike Connolly and Patricia D. Jehlen (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to establish a net zero standard for newly constructed buildings. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to establish a net zero emissions standard for newly constructed buildings.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
2 contrary, the City of Cambridge is authorized to establish a net zero standard for newly  
3 constructed buildings, starting in January of 2022. Such a standard may impose limitations on the  
4 combustion of fossil fuels in such buildings, as well as limit the installation of equipment that  
5 combusts fossil fuels, in order to ensure reductions in building emissions congruent with state  
6 and city climate change goals.

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.