

HOUSE No. 884

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel M. Donahue

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 supporting the Commonwealth’s food system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 884) of Daniel M. Donahue and others that the Food Policy Council appoint a food system coordinator as an employee. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act supporting the Commonwealth’s food system.

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 6C of chapter 20 of the General Laws is amended by inserting the following
2 subsection:-

3 (f) The council shall appoint a food system coordinator as an employee. The food system
4 coordinator shall have access to all relevant agency meetings; serve in an advisory capacity to all
5 relevant departments to inventory existing state programs which relate to the food system across
6 all state agencies, including but not limited to agencies associated with the council; facilitate
7 communication and resource collaboration across state agencies; develop and track metrics
8 related to food system goals; identify opportunities to eliminate duplicative efforts and
9 strengthen complementary programs and projects; identify gaps in services and supports and
10 make recommendations; provide input to help coordinate outreach to underserved communities.
11 The first week of each month, the food system coordinator shall submit a report one week prior
12 to each council meeting with findings, progress updates, and recommendations to the clerks of

- 13 the senate and the house of representatives, the council, relevant department secretaries, and
- 14 relevant department commissioners.