

HOUSE No. 999

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas J. Calter

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 underground economy whistleblowing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Calter of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 999) of Thomas J. Calter and others for legislation to reward whistleblowers who contribute to the prosecution of individuals and businesses operating in the "underground economy". Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3943 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act relative to underground economy whistleblowing.

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 25 of chapter 23 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following subsection:—

3 (e) An individual who reports a suspected violation of, section 2 of chapter 62B, sections
4 148 and 148C of chapter 149, sections 13 and 14 chapter 151A or section 25A of chapter 152 to
5 the council or any other authority charged with enforcement, which substantially contributes to
6 the prosecution of a violation thereof, shall receive 10 per cent of the proceeds recovered and
7 collected in the action or in settlement of the claim; provided further, that nothing in this
8 subsection shall reduce an award of wages owed to an employee pursuant to section 148 of
9 chapter 149. Neither the council nor any enforcement agency shall disclose any information,

10 including information provided by a whistleblower, which could reasonably be expected to
11 reveal the identity of a whistleblower, unless and until required to be disclosed to a defendant or
12 respondent in connection with a public proceeding.