

SENATE No. 1502

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>1 City Hall Sq., Ste 500 Boston, MA 02201-2013</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1502) of Cynthia S. Creem, Martin J. Walsh, Jason M. Lewis, Kevin G. Honan and others for legislation to improve the earned income tax credit for working families. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1458 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

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 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking
2 out, in lines 302 and 307, the figure “23” inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 52 of the Acts of
3 2015, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- “50”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as most recently amended,
5 is hereby further amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

6 The commissioner of revenue shall institute an outreach program to inform taxpayers
7 about the earned income tax credit, the requirements for claiming the credit, and the option to
8 receive the benefit throughout the year in each paycheck. In order to institute said program, the
9 commissioner shall, to the extent that it is practicable, partner in outreach efforts with groups,

10 including but not limited to, utility companies, labor organizations, chambers of commerce,
11 municipalities, community based organizations and taxpayer advocates.

12 SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2018 and shall apply to tax years
13 beginning on or after January 1, 2018.