

SENATE No. 1760

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 creating a clean energy standard.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Benjamin B. Downing

Marjorie C. Decker

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and
Hampden*

25th Middlesex

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1760) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to create a clean energy standard. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to creating a clean energy standard.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of
2 environmental protection shall set a clean energy standard requiring the total annual sales of each
3 retail electricity product sold to Massachusetts end-use customers by a retail electricity seller to
4 include a minimum percentage of electrical energy sales with clean generation attributes. The
5 standard shall be consistent with the goal of reducing electric sector emissions by 80 to 95
6 percent by 2050, relative to a 1990 baseline. The department may consider the use of multi-year
7 compliance periods instead of requiring annual compliance. The department shall promulgate
8 rules and regulations consistent with this section by January 1, 2015.