

SENATE No. 1829

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 promoting agricultural energy production and reducing greenhouse gases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1829) of Harriette L. Chandler, Paul A. Schmid, III, Jason M. Lewis, Carolyn C. Dykema and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote agricultural energy production and reducing greenhouse gases. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

An Act promoting agricultural energy production and reducing greenhouse gases.

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 1 1F of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as amended by the
2 chapter 188 of the acts of 2016, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (j) The department shall adopt regulations that provide that the electric energy
4 renewable generating sources that qualify as Class I under subsection (c)(7)by utilizing anaerobic
5 digestion technology with by-products or waste from agricultural crops, food or animals and
6 located on land used for agriculture, as defined under section 1A of chapter 128, shall count
7 double with respect to the minimum percentage calculated under subsection (a).

8 SECTION 2. Subsection (i) of section 139 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as
9 amended by chapter 75 of the acts of 2016, is hereby further amended by adding the following
10 sentence:-

11 An agricultural net metering facility utilizing anaerobic digestion technology or an
12 anaerobic digestion net metering facility shall be exempt from aggregate net metering capacity
13 caps under subsection (f), and may net meter and accrue Class I, II, or III net metering credits.