

SENATE No. 1912

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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 to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the Commonwealth’s commuter rail system.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i> | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i> | <i>5th Essex</i> | <i>1/26/2017</i> |
| <i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i> | <i>21st Middlesex</i> | <i>1/27/2017</i> |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/27/2017</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i> | <i>First Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1912) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Kenneth I. Gordon, Barbara A. L'Italien and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the Commonwealth's commuter rail system. Transportation.

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

An Act to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the Commonwealth's commuter rail 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 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall provide written notice to the clerks of the
3 senate and house no less than 14 days prior to the remittance or forgiveness of any fines or
4 penalties levied against any current or future commuter rail service provider.

5 The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, in conjunction with the Massachusetts
6 Department of Transportation, shall submit an annual report on or before January 1 detailing the
7 number of instances during the previous calendar year that fines or penalties levied against a
8 commuter rail service provider are remitted or forgiven. The report shall include, but not be
9 limited to: (1) the amount of fines or penalties remitted or forgiven in each instance; (2) the
10 circumstances surrounding and reasons for the remittance or forgiveness in each instance; and
11 (3) the project or service contracted for and the terms of the contract in each instance. The report

- 12 shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house who shall forward the same to the senate
- 13 and house committees on ways and means and the joint committee on transportation.