

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2107**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Eric P. Lesser*

*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 study the feasibility of high-speed rail access between Pittsfield and Boston via Springfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>



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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2107) of Eric P. Lesser, Anne M. Gobi, James T. Welch, Adam G. Hinds and other members of the General Court for legislation to study the feasibility of high-speed rail access between Pittsfield and Boston via Springfield. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to study the feasibility of high-speed rail access between Pittsfield and Boston via Springfield.

*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 Department of Transportation shall conduct a feasibility study relative to high-  
3   speed rail access between the cities of Pittsfield and Boston via Springfield.

4           The study shall examine and evaluate the costs and economic opportunities related to  
5   establishing high-speed rail service between the cities of Pittsfield and Boston via Springfield,  
6   including, but not limited to: (i) the projected capital costs; (ii) the projected operating costs and  
7   revenue estimates; (iii) the projected ridership levels; (iv) the prospect of operating high-speed  
8   rail service on existing rights of way and other operational issues, including upgrades to the at-  
9   grade crossings in the towns of Ashland and Framingham; (v) the environmental and community  
10   impact estimates; (vi) the availability of federal, state, local and private sector funding sources;

11 and (vii) the resulting economic, social and cultural benefits to Western Massachusetts, the  
12 greater Springfield region, and the Commonwealth as a whole.

13 The department shall file the report with the clerks of the house and senate, the chairs of  
14 the house and senate committees on ways and means and the senate and house chairs of the joint  
15 committee on transportation not later than December 1, 2019.