

SENATE No. 2186

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam Gomez

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 ensuring a healthy future for environmental justice communities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/20/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>

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By Mr. Gomez, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2186) of Adam Gomez, Eric P. Lesser, Orlando Ramos, Michelle L. Ciccolo and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure a healthy future for environmental justice communities. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act ensuring a healthy future for environmental justice communities.

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 11F of Chapter 25A of the General Law, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by adding after subsection (i) the following new subsection:
3 (j) A new renewable energy generating source that begins commercial operation after
4 July 31, 2021, or an existing facility that increases its generating capacity after July 31, 2021,
5 shall not qualify as a “Class I” renewable generating source if: (1) it is located within a distance
6 of 5 miles of a neighborhood that is defined as an environmental justice population pursuant to
7 Section 62 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, and, (2) the operation of the renewable energy
8 generating source to produce energy causes the release of air pollutants.