

SENATE No. 566

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Pavel M. Payano

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 support better commuting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>

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By Mr. Payano, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 566) of Pavel M. Payano and Steven Owens for legislation to support better commuting. Environment and Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to support better commuting.

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. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection shall revise

2 310 Code of Massachusetts Regulation 7.16 as follows:

3 (1) Section 7.16 (1)(f) shall be amended as follows, replace ‘1,000’ with ‘250’

4 (2) At the end add:

5 “(11) beginning January 1, 2024, for the purposes of section 7.16 the term ‘affected
6 facility’ means an employer who employs more than 250 individuals in the Commonwealth of
7 Massachusetts”

8 “(12) employers who are members of transportation management associations are exempt
9 from the requirements of section 7.16”

10 “(13) transportation management associations are required to submit reports for ‘affected
11 facilities’ so long as they are members of such organization. Transportation management
12 associations may submit consolidated reports for employers within its geographic service area”

13 “(14) employers and transportation management associations with drive alone rates less
14 than 75% are only required to submit reports required by the section every two years”

15 SECTION 2. REPORTING – The Department of Environmental Protection shall
16 consolidate reports and release to the public, at a minimum, the following information:

17 (1) Statewide drive alone rate

18 (2) Percentage of affected facilities that have drive alone rates below 75%

19 SECTION 3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL DATA SHARING – The Department of
20 Environmental Protection shall share with the Department of Transportation all reported data and
21 the Department of Transportation shall share any data, reports or statistics regarding commuting
22 trends and drive alone rates within the commonwealth. The Department of Environmental
23 Protection and the Department of Transportation shall collaborate to analyze such information on
24 a bi-annual basis.

25 SECTION 4. CARBON REDUCTION PLAN – The Department of Transportation shall
26 take into consideration data and information provided by the Department of Environmental
27 Protection when developing a carbon reduction strategy as required by United States Code Title
28 23 Section 175(d) and as appropriate, provide funding from such program to transportation
29 management associations projects and programs aimed at reducing drive alone commute rates.