

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 102**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marjorie C. Decker***

*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 reduce deep poverty among kids.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Moran</i>	<i>18th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>

<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>

<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 102**

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 102) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the monthly benefits for certain recipients of the aid to parents with dependent children and emergency aid programs. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act to reduce deep poverty among kids.

*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 fourth paragraph of section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new  
3 paragraph:-

4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for  
5 monthly benefits for the program not including the rental allowance shall be increased effective  
6 July first of each year beginning with July 1, 2019 by 10 percent above the payment standard in  
7 effect in the previous fiscal year until the payment standard for the household size equals 50  
8 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size; provided further, that once the  
9 payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the  
10 household size, the payment standard shall be increased effective July first of each year in order  
11 that the payment standard shall be no less than 50% of the poverty level for the household size as  
12 determined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services;

13 provided further, that the need standard and the payment amounts shall be further  
14 increased by the amount of a clothing allowance in the month for which it is paid and by the  
15 rental allowance for households incurring a rent or mortgage expense and not residing in public  
16 or subsidized housing.

17 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 117A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
18 inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:-

19 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for  
20 monthly benefits for the program shall be increased effective July first of each year beginning  
21 with July 1, 2019 by 10 percent above the payment standard in effect in the previous fiscal year  
22 until the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level  
23 for the household size; provided further, that once the payment standard for the household size  
24 equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size, the payment standard shall  
25 be increased effective July first of each year in order that the payment standard shall be no less  
26 than 50% of the poverty level for the household size as determined by the federal Department of  
27 Health and Human Services.