

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1626**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth I. Gordon***

*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 protect furloughed federal employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th 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>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>

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By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1626) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to unemployment benefits for certain furloughed federal employees. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to protect furloughed federal employees.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to protect employees, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 6 of Chapter 151A is hereby amended by inserting after the final  
2 sentence of subsection (e), the following sentence:

3           Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the term “employment” will include  
4 service provided in the employ of the United States government if and only if that service has  
5 been interrupted, suspended or terminated as a result of the shutdown or partial shutdown of the  
6 United States government that began on December 22, 2018;