

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3209**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Orlando Ramos and Jay D. Livingstone***

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>

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By Representatives Ramos of Springfield and Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3209) of Orlando Ramos, Jay D. Livingstone and Michelle M. DuBois relative to the location and classification of certain renewable energy generating sources in relation to their proximity to environmental justice communities. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3362 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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.