

SENATE No. 16

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, Senate, No. 16) of Jason M. Lewis, Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis, Julian Cyr and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars. Revenue.

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

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 Article 44 of the Massachusetts Constitution is hereby amended by adding the following
2 paragraph at the end thereof:-

3 To provide the resources for quality public education and affordable public colleges and
4 universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation, all
5 revenues received in accordance with this paragraph shall be expended, subject to appropriation,
6 only for these purposes. In addition to the taxes on income otherwise authorized under this
7 Article, there shall be an additional tax of 4 percent on that portion of annual taxable income in
8 excess of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) reported on any return related to those taxes. To

9 ensure that this additional tax continues to apply only to the commonwealth's highest income
10 taxpayers, this \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) income level shall be adjusted annually to reflect
11 any increases in the cost of living by the same method used for federal income tax brackets. This
12 paragraph shall apply to all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.