

HOUSE No. 2851

By Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2851) of Matthew C. Patrick and others for legislation to authorize tax exempt contributions by energy company consumers for the funding of municipal renewable energy facilities. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Matthew C. Patrick

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing contributions by energy company consumers to fund municipal renewable energy facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3058 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTIONS BY ENERGY COMPANY CONSUMERS TO FUND MUNICIPAL RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES.

*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 1D of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—
- 3 All gas and electric companies shall include a space on the payment section of its bills that would allow a
4 customer to make a voluntary payment in addition to the required payment. Such additional monies shall
5 be paid over to the city or town in which the property serviced is located. Said city or town may use such
6 monies only for the purchase of renewable energy systems for public buildings and facilities. Such
7 contributions shall be treated as charitable for tax purposes.