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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James Cantwell**

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*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 to protect the coast.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| James Cantwell | 4th Plymouth |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to protect the coast.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

 There is hereby established in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Waterways, a grant program to assist Massachusetts coastal cities and towns in repairing, rebuilding, restoring beaches, shores, seawalls, and dunes and other structures necessary to protect the shores of property of said coastal communities.
Such grant programs shall have an annual appropriation submitted as a separate line item within the Division of Waterways, of no less than $2 million.