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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ronald Mariano**

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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 reestablish the former DEQE/DEP Water Meter Modernization Grant Program.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Ronald Mariano | 3rd Norfolk |
| Joyce A. Spiliotis | 12th Essex |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to reestablish the former DEQE/DEP Water Meter Modernization Grant Program.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or specific law or regulation to the contrary, the Department of Environmental Protection is directed to re-establish and administer a Water Meter Modernization Program. The Commonwealth shall allocate up to $25 million annually to municipalities of the Commonwealth for the purchase and/or installation of water meters. Criteria for the program will be established by the DEP no later than 90 days upon enactment of this legislation.