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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Matthew C. Patrick**

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

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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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:*

SECTION 1. Section 1D of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

All gas and electric companies shall include a space on the payment section of its bills that would allow a customer to make a voluntary payment in addition to the required payment. Such additional monies shall be paid over to the city or town in which the property serviced is located. Said city or town may use such monies only for the purchase of renewable energy systems for public buildings and facilities. Such contributions shall be treated as charitable for tax purposes.