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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Downing**

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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 biomass net metering.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Downing | Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act authorizing biomass net metering.

*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 138 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended by adding the following definition after the term “agriculture”:- “biomass net metering facility”, a facility for the production of electrical energy that uses biomass power conversion technologies using fuels such as wood, by-products or waste from agricultural crops, food or animals, energy crops, biogas, liquid biofuel including but not limited to biodiesel, organic refuse-derived fuel, or algae to generate electricity and is interconnected to a distribution company.”

SECTION 2. Said section 138 is amended in line 33, after “agricultural net metering facility” by inserting the following:- “biomass net metering facility,”.

SECTION 3. Said section 138 is amended in line 49, after “agricultural net metering facility” by inserting the following:- “biomass net metering facility,”.

SECTION 4. Said section 138 is amended in line 55, after “solar net metering” by inserting the following:- “, biomass net metering,”.

SECTION 5. Section 139(a) (1) of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended in line 6, after “wind” by inserting the following:- “, biomass,”.

SECTION 6. Section 139(2) (f) of chapter 164 of the General Laws is amended in line 5, after “facility” by inserting the following:- “or a biomass net metering facility”.