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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Michael R. Knapik**

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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 Relative to the Permitting of Trenches.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Michael R. Knapik | Second Hampden and Hampshire |
| Richard R. Tisei | Middlesex and Essex |
| Bruce E. Tarr | First Essex and Middlesex |
| Robert L. Hedlund | Plymouth and Norfolk |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to the Permitting Process of Trenches.

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

Section 2 of Chapter 82a of the General Laws is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:-

The department of public safety shall develop policies and procedures to assist municipalities of fewer than three thousand five hundred residents in complying with the requirements of this section. Said policies and procedures may include but not be limited to regional cooperative efforts and cost-sharing plans. The commonwealth shall establish a grant program to be accessed by municipalities of fewer than one thousand residents for the purpose of complying with the requirements of this section.