

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Cynthia Stone Creem**

*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 improving the earned income tax credit for working families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia Stone Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01713 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT IMPROVING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR WORKING FAMILIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 173 of the Acts of  
2 2008, is hereby amended by striking out, in the second sentence, the figure "15" and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following figure:— "20".

4 SECTION 2. Section 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
5 by striking out, in the third sentence, the figure "15" and inserting in place thereof the following  
6 figure:— "20".

7 SECTION 3. Section 6 (h) of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
8 by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

9 The commissioner of revenue shall institute an outreach program to inform taxpayers about the earned  
10 income tax credit, the requirements for claiming the credit, and the option to receive the benefit  
11 throughout the year in each paycheck. In order to institute said program, the commissioner shall, to the  
12 extent that it is practicable, partner in outreach efforts with groups, including but not limited to, utility  
13 companies, labor organizations, chambers of commerce, municipalities, community based organizations  
14 and taxpayer advocates.