

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1458**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the defense of private property rights through the prevention of abusive eminent domain takings in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1458) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to damages from eminent domain takings for private investment. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the defense of private property rights through the prevention of abusive eminent domain takings in the Commonwealth.

*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. Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 1 the following new section:

3 Section 1A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any agreement  
4 for damages from an eminent domain taking— for private or commercial investment— must  
5 award a minimum of two hundred percent of fair market value for the parcel of land.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.