

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 to end child homelessness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Denise Provost

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

27th Middlesex

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 115 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act to end child homelessness.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no family with children under
2 the age of eighteen shall be evicted of removed from public housing, publicly subsidized
3 housing, or a shelter funded in whole or in part with public funds, including a motel or hotel
4 providing emergency shelter, unless and until the Housing Services Unit of the Department of
5 Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community
6 Development, has developed and is able to implement a plan to assure that all children under
7 eighteen in the affected family will be housed in some location which is fit for human habitation.
8 All reasonable efforts shall be made to provide that such children remain in the custody of their
9 parents or other caregivers with whom they have been residing.