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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ruth B. Balser**

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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 to protect nursing home residents

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Ruth B. Balser | 12th Middlesex |
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| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |
| Mary E. Grant | 6th Essex |
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| Frank I. Smizik | 15th Norfolk |
| Angelo M. Scaccia | 14th Suffolk |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | 18th Worcester |
| Harriette L. Chandler | First Worcester |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex |
| Robert L. Rice, Jr. | 2nd Worcester |
| Joyce A. Spiliotis | 12th Essex |
| Gale D. Candaras | First Hampden and Hampshire |
| Stephen L. DiNatale | 3rd Worcester |
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| Robert F. Fennell | 10th Essex |
| Bradford R. Hill | 4th Essex |
| Rosemary Sandlin | 3rd Hampden |
| Katherine Clark | 32nd Middlesex |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |
| Brian A. Joyce | Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth |
| Michael F. Rush | 10th Suffolk |
| James R. Miceli | 19th Middlesex |
| Carlo P. Basile | 1st Suffolk |
| Matthew C. Patrick | 3rd Barnstable |
| James M. Murphy | 4th Norfolk |
| Stephen R. Canessa | 12th Bristol |
| Theodore C. Speliotis | 13th Essex |
| William Lantigua | 16th Essex |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to protect nursing home residents.

*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.  Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 72Z the following section:-

  Section 72AA. The department, in consultation with the secretary of elder affairs, shall promulgate further regulations to promote and protect the interests and well being of residents in nursing homes, rest homes, and long-term care facilities, including but not limited to timely notification to the resident and designated family member or legal representative of relevant changes in resident care, posting of care and communication standards in a clear and conspicuous manner, and process for distributing a copy of all applicable rules and regulations to the resident, designated family member or legal representative including a written acknowledgment of receipt.