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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Carlo P. Basile**

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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 providing for opportunities for single-sex schools and classes.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Willie Mae Allen | 6th Suffolk |
| Carlo P. Basile | 1st Suffolk |
| Gloria L. Fox | 7th Suffolk |
| Kevin G. Honan | 17th Suffolk |
| Eugene L. O'Flaherty | 2nd Suffolk |
| Matthew C. Patrick | 3rd Barnstable |
| Angelo M. Scaccia | 14th Suffolk |
| Marie P. St. Fleur | 5th Suffolk |
| Thomas M. Menino | Mayor of Boston |
| Martin J. Walsh | 13th Suffolk |
| Robert M. Koczera | 11th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act providing for opportunities for single-sex schools and classes.

*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.  Section 5 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the sentence ending “or sexual orientation” in line 11 the following new sentence:-

“This section shall not preclude the establishment of single-sex schools and programs to the extent that such programs are consistent with the constitution of the commonwealth and federal law.”

SECTION 2.  Section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the sentence ending “language, and academic achievement” in line 55 the following new sentence:-

“This section shall not preclude the establishment of single-sex schools and programs to the extent that such programs are consistent with the constitution of the commonwealth and federal law.”

SECTION 3.  Said section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, is hereby further amended by inserting after the sentence ending “science or the arts” in line 148 the following new sentence:-

“This section shall not preclude the establishment of single-sex schools and programs to the extent that such programs are consistent with the constitution of the commonwealth and federal law.”