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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Garrett J. Bradley**

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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 prohibiting defendants from concealing faces in court.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Garrett J. Bradley | 3rd Plymouth |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1327 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act prohibiting defendants from concealing faces in court.

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

Chapter 277 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:—

Section 80. No person being arraigned in any court shall cover or conceal his face by any means.