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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 providing for the issuance of certain restraining orders.

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PETITION OF:

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

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act providing for the issuance of certain restraining orders.

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

 Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 43A the following section:—

Section 43B. A person suffering from a pattern of conduct or series of acts over a period of time directed at such person which seriously alarms or annoys that person and would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress may file a complaint in the district court or Boston municipal court department of the trial court requesting protection from such conduct or act and the court may issue appropriate orders to provide such protection.