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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Antonio F.D. Cabral**

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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 ensure testimony in gang related cases.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to ensure testimony in gang related cases.

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

Chapter 233, section 5 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

“Where the defendant is accused of a violent crime as defined in section 121 of chapter 140 that is a result of gang-related activity, the punishment for such failure to attend shall be by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year or both.”