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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer M. Callahan**

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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 relative to electronic identity theft.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | 18th Worcester |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to electronic identity theft.

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

 Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 120F the following section:-

Section 120G. Whoever, without authorization, knowingly creates or promotes a web page or blog, so-called, that claims to be the property or the identity of a person other than themselves, shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 30 days or by a fine of not more than $500 or both for a first offense. A second or subsequent offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 6 months or by a fine of not more than $1,000 or both.