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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James Cantwell**

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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 limiting severance agreements of authorities.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| James Cantwell | 4th Plymouth |

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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 limiting severance agreements of authorities.

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

Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 31E the following section:—  
Section 31F.  Any severance agreement negotiated by an authority, as defined in section 39 of chapter 3, shall be based upon the employee’s length of service with the authority. No cash awards shall be made. Any consulting contract with the employee shall be based on fees for services, with services clearly defined. Any payment of legal fees for such employee shall be made only for actions of the employee made in good faith.