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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Brian S. Dempsey**

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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 the Issuance of Public Health Warnings.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to the Issuance of Public Health Warnings.

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

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, when issuing public health warnings about the potential dangers to humans associated with the West Nile Virus, the commissioner of the department of public health shall include any and all known risks to pregnant women in such public health warning.