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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James H. Fagan**

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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 defining substantial value.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| James H. Fagan | 3rd Bristol |

[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 defining substantial value.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 268A of the General Laws appearing in the 2006 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding the following definition:—

            (R) “Substantial value”, anything with a value of $500 of more, unless a court determines that based upon the facts of a particular case a higher amount should apply.