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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 relative to the extension of certain restraining orders without notice to defendants.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
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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 relative to the extension of certain restraining orders without notice to defendants.

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

Section 3 of chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 15 after the word “abuse” the following words:— provided, however, that if the defendant has been convicted of violating the plaintiff’s restraining order, the court may extend such restraining order as of right without requiring notice to the defendant or the appearance of the plaintiff in court.