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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mark V. Falzone**

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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 to remove restrictions on absentee voting.

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PETITION OF:

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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 to remove restrictions on absentee voting.

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

Chapter 54, Section 86 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by deleting the following: -

“ is absent from the city of town where he is a voter by reason of being a specially qualified voter as defined in section one of chapter fifty, or his employment in another community, attendance at any institution of higher education or for any other reason or who will be unable to by reason of physical disability to cast his vote in person at the polling place or who for reasons of religious belief.”