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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Sean Garballey (BY REQUEST)**

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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 An Act Regarding the Disabled Persons Protection Commission Investigations .

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act An Act Regarding the Disabled Persons Protection Commission Investigations .

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

1. DPPC protocol will be developed disallowing referral of investigations to DMR staff, when the case involves sudden, unexplained death or serious abuse of a person with developmental disabilities living in a group home or attending a group day program for whom:
   1. Previous allegations of abuse were upheld.
   2. No diagnosed illness or age-related condition for which sudden death was cited and documented
2. Regarding 911 calls: DPPC would require that investigators obtain, review and include information from a 911 call in investigation reports relating to the death or abuse-related hospitalization of a consumer.