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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Colleen M. Garry**

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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 regulating conduct at polling places.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Colleen M. Garry | 36th Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 651 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act regulating conduct at polling places.

*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 65 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the first paragraph, the following paragraph:—  
 No rule, regulation or provision of law shall prohibit a candidate on the current election ballot from greeting voters and soliciting votes within 150 feet of the entrance door to the building where a polling place is located, provided that he/she is not distributing campaign material nor obstructing voters entering the polls.