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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Patricia A. Haddad**

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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 creating a difficult to manage unit within the department of mental health.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to creating a difficult to manage unit within the department of mental health.

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

Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section: -

            Section 22. There shall be, within the department of mental health, a specific ‘difficult to manage unit’ for men and a specific ‘difficult to manage unit’ for women. Said units shall be located at a specific and central location. The components of said units shall address and consider issues relative to the difficult manage to populations within the department and shall be consistent to the former difficult to manage unit at Taunton State Hospital.