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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

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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 expanding protections against incest.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | 1st Plymouth |
| Bradley H. Jones, Jr. | 20th Middlesex |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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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 expanding protections against incest.

*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 17 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “consanguinity”, in line 1, the following words:— , affinity or adoption.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.