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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**William Lantigua**

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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 prohibiting the display of materials harmful to minors.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| William Lantigua | 16th Essex |

[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 prohibiting the display of materials harmful to minors.

*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: Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 30D the following section:-

Section 30E. Whoever displays material which is harmful in such a way that minors as a part of the invited general public will be exposed to view such material, provided, however, a person shall not be deemed to have displayed material to minors if the lower 2/3 is not exposed to view and segregated in a manner that physically prohibits access to the material by minors or whoever allows a minor to view, with or without consideration and material which is harmful to minors shall be punished by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 2 ½ years or by a fine of not more than $5,000 or both.