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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**David P. Linsky**

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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 signs on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| David P. Linsky | 5th Middlesex |

[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 relative to signs on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

 *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 81A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4 the following new section:—

                    Section 4A.  The Turnpike shall not allow the construction of any sign advertising any gasoline station, restaurant or other services to be erected or maintained on the Massachusetts Turnpike that is larger than 80 square feet in area, excluding support, or is higher than 30 feet from the ground, measured from the highest part of the sign.  Signs in existence on the effective date of this statute advertising any gasoline station, restaurant or other services erected or maintained on the Massachusetts Turnpike which are more than 80 square feet in area, excluding supports, or higher than 30 feet from the ground measured from the highest point of the sign, shall not be illuminated by any artificial means before 6:00 A.M. or after 10:00 P.M.