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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Barbara A. L'Italien**

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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 to promote civic engagement in the charter school approval process.

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PETITION OF:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 494 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to promote civic engagement in the charter school approval process.

*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. Subsection (i) of Section 89 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after the last sentence the following:

Provided further, that the Board of Education shall approve no charter without a formal indication of support for the application from the city council, or select board, town meeting or other representative body in the community where the charter school seeks to locate.