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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Matthew C. Patrick**

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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 the assessment of local taxes.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Matthew C. Patrick | 3rd Barnstable |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4119 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the assessment of local taxes.

*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 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after Section 38 H the following section: —

Section 38 I: Affordable Housing; valuation

In determining the fair cash valuation of affordable housing, as defined in section 1 of Chapter 60, the assessors of each city and town shall consider the deed restrictions ensuring affordability placed on the property.

SECTION 2.

Section 1 shall be effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2007.