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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**George N. Peterson, 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 relative to areas of critical enviromental concern. .

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to areas of critical enviromental concern. .

*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 (7) of Section 2 of Chapter 21A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— Prior to submitting a nomination to designate an area as an area of critical environmental concern, the person or persons leading the nomination, as listed in the pertinent regulations shall, at a minimum, hold one public information meeting at least 30 days prior to submitting the nomination. Notice of such a meeting shall be given through any means reasonably likely to inform a reasonable number of residents to be affected by the nomination.