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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Pam Richardson**

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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 reimbursing cities and towns for non-profit tax exemptions .

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Robert P. Spellane | 13th Worcester |
| Stephen L. DiNatale | 3rd Worcester |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act reimbursing cities and towns for non-profit tax exemptions .

*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. The Third clause of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The commonwealth shall annually appropriate the amount necessary to fully reimburse cities and towns in which charitable property makes up to 4 per cent or more of the total per cent of town area for taxes exempted because of ownership by non-profit corporations. Subject to appropriation, the commissioner of revenue shall distribute to each city and town the full amount of taxes that would otherwise have been paid.