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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Michael F. Rush**

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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 enhance the threats statute.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Michael F. Rush | 10th Suffolk |
| Thomas M. Menino | Mayor of Boston |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to enhance the threats statute.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 13L the following new section:-

“Section 13M. Threats; arrest.

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections two and three of chapter two hundred and seventy-five or any other general or special law to the contrary, no person shall threaten to commit a crime against the person or property of another, under circumstances that would reasonably justify apprehension on the part of any ordinary person. A police officer may arrest, without a warrant, any person for whom the officer has probable cause to believe is violation or has violated this section.”