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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Byron Rushing**

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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 protect Massachusetts families through equal access to civil marriage.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Kay Khan | 11th Middlesex |
| Byron Rushing | 9th Suffolk |
| David P. Linsky | 5th Middlesex |
| Sarah K. Peake | 4th Barnstable |
| Tom Sannicandro | 7th Middlesex |
| Theodore C. Speliotis | 13th Essex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to protect Massachusetts families through equal access to civil marriage

*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 207 is hereby amended by adding the

following new section:—

Section 37A. Any person who otherwise meets the eligibility

requirements of this chapter may marry any other eligible person

regardless of gender.