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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Angelo M. Scaccia**

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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 concerning the public records law.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Angelo M. Scaccia | 14th Suffolk |
| William F. Galvin | Secretary of the Commonwealth |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act concerning the public records law.

 *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. Section 7(26)(r) of chapter 4 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of chapter 18C is hereby amended by inserting subclause (i) containing the following language into the end of the section:-

 “(i) Information and records acquired under this chapter by the office of the child advocate shall not be public subject to disclosure pursuant to chapter 66.”

SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 303 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking after the word contract, in lines 98 and 99, the following language:-

 “; provided, further, that for any such contract determined to contain confidential information under subclause (r) of section 7 of chapter 4, the governmental body shall instead maintain a record of the procurement processes and awards for 6 years after the date of the final payment.”