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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 relating to the exemptions to 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 relating to the exemptions to 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 Section 7(26)(s) of chapter 4 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 7(26)(g) of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subclause (g) and replacing it with the following paragraph:

(g) trade secrets or commercial financial, or proprietary information provided upon a promise of confidentiality to a public entity for use in developing governmental policy or in furtherance of necessary governmental functions, the disclosure of which would compromise the entity’s performance of the public function;

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.”

and inserting in place thereof the following language:-

“; provided, further, that for any such contract determined to contain confidential information under subclause (g) 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.”