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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ellen Story**

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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 Assure Continuity of Health Coverage for Children.

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PETITION OF:

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| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |
| Peter v. Kocot | 1st Hampshire |
| Ellen Story | 3rd Hampshire |
| David B. Sullivan | 6th Bristol |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex |
| Tom Sannicandro | 7th Middlesex |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to Assure Continuity of Health Coverage for Children.

*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 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in the following subsections under subsection (2):-

(j) Children who are deemed eligible for medical benefits pursuant to clause (a) of subsection 2 shall continue to be eligible for assistance for a period of 12 months, until the child’s annual eligibility review, if the child would otherwise be determined ineligible due to excess countable income but otherwise remains eligible.

(k) Children who are deemed eligible for medical benefits pursuant to clause (b) of subsection 2 shall continue to be eligible for assistance for a period of 12 months, until the child’s annual eligibility review, if the child would otherwise be determined ineligible due to excess countable income but otherwise remains eligible.

(l) Children who are deemed eligible for medical benefits pursuant to clause (c) of subsection 2 shall continue to be eligible for assistance for a period of 12 months, until the child’s annual eligibility review, if the child would otherwise be determined ineligible due to excess countable income but otherwise remains eligible.