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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Benjamin Swan**

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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 prohibiting tethering, leashing, and other restraints of prisoners in work release programs.

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PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act prohibiting tethering, leashing, and other restraints of prisoners in work release programs.

 *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 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the

following new section:—

Section 49C. No prisoner in the care and custody of the department of correction, nor

county corrections participating in any work or employment program outside the

institution to which he or she stands committed shall be subjected to any physical

“proactive restraints”, so-called, including, but not limited to, chains and other linkage or

tethering devices, stun guns, so-called, and any mechanisms which deliver a current of

electricity to the person.