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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**David M. Torrisi**

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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 relative to increasing the amount of damages in small claims court.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| David M. Torrisi | 14th Essex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1746 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to increasing the amount of damages in small claims court.

*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 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 6 by striking the words “two thousand dollars” and inserting in place thereof:— $5,000.