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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Cleon H. Turner**

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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 regarding discovery in summary process actions.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act regarding discovery in summary process actions.

*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. Notwithstanding any law or special law to the contrary Chapter 239 of the General Laws shall be amended by adding a new section at the end thereof:

Section 2B. No summary process action shall be continued or extended from the original court date upon filing of requests for discovery pursuant to the Uniform Summary Process Rules unless the tenant files has answered the complaint.