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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Steven M. Walsh**

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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 creating a community service graduation requirement. .

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PETITION OF:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to creating a community service graduation requirement. .

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 2B the following section:-

Section 2C.

Local School Committees shall have the option of instituting a requirement of all secondary school students to complete no less than ten hours of community service over the course of their secondary school career in order to receive a high school diploma. Individual school districts shall determine which activities or projects in their local area qualify as “community service”.