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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 establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.

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

 Section 19 of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The Board of Higher Education shall institute, in conjunction with the Board of Education, a program to allow any public school teacher or paraprofessional presently working in the Commonwealth to attend courses at public institutions of Higher Education in the Commonwealth at no tuition cost.