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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James T. Welch**

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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 establishing the "Don't Text and Drive" fund.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act establishing the "Don't Text and Drive" fund.

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

Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2XXX the following section.

SECTION YYY. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the “Don’t Text and Drive” fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to establish a public awareness campaign to alert citizens of the commonwealth of the dangers of text messaging while operating a vehicle. Such fund will be credited with revenues voluntarily contributed thereto from any telecommunications company doing business in the commonwealth that has business interest in the use of cellular phones. The Executive Office of Public Safety shall notify such corporations of the existence of the fund. The Executive Office of Public Safety shall oversee such fund the “Don’t Text and Drive” campaign.