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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Robert A. O'Leary**

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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 authorizing the Board of Water Commissioners of the Mashpee Water District to approve certain abatements.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act authorizing the Board of Water Commissioners of the Mashpee Water District to approve certain abatements.

*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 16 of Chapter 136 of the Acts of 1987 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 16. The District may, by vote at a District Meeting, provide for the levy of special assessments to meet the whole or part of the cost thereafter incurred of laying pipes in public and private ways for the convenience of distribution of its inhabitants, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 42G, 42H, and 42I; provided further, that any general of special law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Board of Water Commissioners may, in their discretion, receive, and if meritorious, approve, any request for abatement of any such Special Assessment made within 20 years following the effective date of such special assessment.