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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Richard R. Tisei**

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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 Criminal Penalties for Illegal Lobbying.

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PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Establishing Criminal Penalties for Illegal Lobbying.

 *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. “Chapter 271 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2006 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section: -

“Section 51. Illegally Lobbying State Government.

“Any person found to have lobbied state government, in either the executive or the legislative branches, or any subdivision thereof, in violation of the provisions of chapter 3 shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by not more than 2 ½ years in a jail and a fine of not more than $10,000 or both for each instance thereof.