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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Cynthia Stone Creem (BY REQUEST)**

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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 emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children.

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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 relative to emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children.

 *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. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the Department of Transitional Assistance is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study relative to benefits under the Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) program.  Said study will examine cost of living factors including but not limited to housing, food, transportation, clothing, and healthcare, and assess the need for an increase in EAEDC benefits.

The results of said study shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the House and Senate Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs no later than March 31, 2010.