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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Creem**

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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 punishment for the crime of domestic violence.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Ms. Creem | First Middlesex and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00902 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to punishment for the crime of domestic violence.

*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 55 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 5 after the words “or with intent to commit a felony,” the following:-

“or would constitute domestic abuse as defined in section 1 of chapter 209A or a violation of an order issued pursuant to section 3, 4 or 5 of 209A or section 34B or 34C of chapter 208,”