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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Walsh, Marian (SEN)**

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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 the rights of victims of crimes.

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PETITION OF:

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| Walsh, Marian (SEN) | Suffolk and Norfolk |

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SEE SENATE, NO. S01035 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 the rights of victims of crimes.

 *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. Subsection (t) of section 3 of chapter 258B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the phrase “telephone number” the following sentence: -

“The criminal history systems board shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the content and procedure of the notification.”

SECTION 2. Said Section 3 of chapter 258B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

“(w) for any victims, the family members of such victim if the victim is a minor, incompetent or deceased, witnesses and family members of homicide victims who have completed an application for certification with the criminal history systems board, to receive a confirmation letter verifying their certification.The criminal history systems board shall promulgate rules and regulations regulating the content and procedure of the confirmation letters.”