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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Benjamin B. Downing**

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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 wireless telephone contracts.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to wireless telephone contracts.

 *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. The General Laws are hereby amended in chapter 93, by inserting after section 114 the following section:-

Section 115. Each company providing wireless telephone service in this state shall be prohibited from automatically renewing a consumer’s service contract. Two months prior to the expiration of a wireless telephone service contract, the wireless telephone company must notify the consumer of the contract’s expiring term. Upon expiration of a wireless telephone service contract, the consumer’s service shall continue on a month-to-month basis under the same terms as the original contract. Either party may terminate such contract at any time. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a party from entering into a new contract.