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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James B. Eldridge**

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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 to protect victims of unlicensed debt collection activity.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| James B. Eldridge | Middlesex and Worcester |
| Lori Ehrlich | 8th Essex |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to protect victims of unlicensed debt collection activity.

 *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 28 of Chapter 93 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:-

“Any person who engages in the business of debt collection without a license shall be liable in restitution to any person collected against, and all other persons similarly situated to such person who the court certifies are members of a class under section 9 of chapter 93A, for any money or property obtained as a result of such unlicensed debt collection activity in addition to any other damages allowed by law.”