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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Knapik**

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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 further regulating the release of information concerning adoption.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Knapik | Second Hampden and Hampshire |
| Todd M. Smola | 1st Hampden |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00087 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act further regulating the release of information concerning adoption.

 *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 (b) of section 5D of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

            If the biological parent of the adopted person is deceased, a person 18 years of age or older who is a sibling of the adopted person may request in writing a release of the identity after adoption of the adopted person and the placement agency shall release the identity after adoption of the adopted person to the sibling; provided, however, that the agency has received written permission from the adopted person, or written permission from the adoptive parents if the adoptive person is under the age of 21.