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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Joyce**

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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 increase the small claims statutory maximum.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Joyce | Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00932 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to increase the small claims statutory maximum.

*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. Chapter 218, Section 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the term “two thousand dollars” in line six and inserting in place thereof, the following:- “five thousand dollars”.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.