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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Pam Richardson (BY REQUEST)**

*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 prohibiting certain retaliatory actions by food stores.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Alana Lipkin

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN RETALIATORY ACTIONS BY FOOD STORES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
2 184E the following section:-

3 Section 184F. No food store, food department or any establishment subject to sections  
4 184B to 184E shall take retaliatory action, including but not limited to, banning from the  
5 premises or restricting access in any way, against any person who complains about,  
6 reports or makes public any violation of sections 184B to 185E. Any retaliatory actions  
7 taken previously shall be reversed immediately upon notification of this section.  
8 Violation of this statute shall be subject to a \$250 fine per violation. A violation is  
9 defined as one day of restricting access in any manner. Upon the second violation, all the  
10 store's price marking exemptions shall be rescinded for a period of 12 months.