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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Michael F. Rush**

*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 enhance the threats statute.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael F. Rush

10th Suffolk

Thomas M. Menino

Mayor of Boston

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE THREATS STATUTE.

*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 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after Section 13L the following new section:-

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4 “Section 13M. Threats; arrest.

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections two and three of chapter two hundred and seventy-five or  
6 any other general or special law to the contrary, no person shall threaten to commit a crime against the  
7 person or property of another, under circumstances that would reasonably justify apprehension on the  
8 part of any ordinary person. A police officer may arrest, without a warrant, any person for whom the  
9 officer has probable cause to believe is violation or has violated this section.”

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