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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Poirier

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:

An Act providing visitation rights for great grandparents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Paul J. Donato	*35th Middlesex*
Robert L. Hedlund	☐ *[District]* ☐
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*

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By Ms. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 479) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others for legislation to provide visitation rights for great grandparents. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *4202* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act providing visitation rights for great grandparents.

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 23 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "grandparents" in lines 34, 40, 44 and 45, in each instance, the words:- and great grandparents.

SECTION 2. Section 26 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "grandparents" in lines 92, 98, 101 and 102, in each instance, the words:- and great grandparents.

SECTION 3. Section 39D of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "grandparents", in lines 17 and 19, in each instance, the words:- and great grandparents.