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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael R. Knapik

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 further regulating the release of information concerning adoption.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael R. Knapik	☐ *[District]* ☐
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*

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By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 52) of Michael R. Knapik, Bruce E. Tarr and Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera for legislation to further regulate the release of information concerning adoption. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *50* OF 2009-2010.]

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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:

Subsection (b) of section 5D of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 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.