

HOUSE No. 2035

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mike Connolly

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act abolishing arbitrary limits on prisoner visitation.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/15/2019</i> |
| <i>Ruth B. Balse</i> | <i>12th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/25/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Barrett</i> | <i>Third Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i> | <i>15th Worcester</i> | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Liz Miranda</i> | <i>5th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Maria Duai</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i> | <i>24th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/25/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2035) of Mike Connolly and others relative to abolishing arbitrary limits on prisoner visitation. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act abolishing arbitrary limits on prisoner visitation.

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

- 1 Clause (q) of section 1 of chapter 124 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “facilities”, in line 70, the
- 3 following words:- ; provided, however, that no limit on the number of visitors who are permitted
- 4 to visit an inmate shall be imposed.