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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

#### Colleen M. Garry

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 relative to protective orders.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	1/16/2013
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester	

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By Ms. Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1348) of Colleen M. Garry and Anne M. Gobi relative to protective orders. The Judiciary.

# [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1314 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to protective orders.

*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. Subsection (a) of section 43A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as
appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the contrary, any person suffering from the willful and malicious conduct of another, as described in this section or section 43 may file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse.