

HOUSE No. 1438

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1438) of Kay Khan and Marcos A. Devers for legislation to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 26 (a) of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new
3 sentence:-

4 Any judge who presided at hearings under sections 24 or 25 shall not preside at the
5 hearing on the merits under this section.