

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 509**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Vega*

*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 promoting tolerance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2013</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2013</i>

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 509) of Aaron Vega, Michael R. Knapik and Ellen Story for legislation to promote tolerance of sexual orientation in the public schools. Education.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to promoting tolerance.

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

1           That Section 32a of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
2 to include the following:

3           When activity or material designed to promote tolerance and respect, including difference  
4 in sexual orientation, when sexual implications are not discussed are exempt.