HOUSE No. 1556

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers

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 providing further protection for grand jurors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	1/15/2015
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex	

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1556) of David M. Rogers, Mary S. Keefe and Carolyn C. Dykema for legislation to provide further protection for grand jurors. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 646 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act providing further protection for grand jurors.

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. Clause (8) of section 4 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing

2 in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words "grand or" from the

3 first sentence.

4 SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 234A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by

5 adding the following clause:-

- 6 9. Such person has served as a grand juror in any state or federal court within the
- 7 previous six calendar years or the person is currently scheduled to perform such service. Any
- 8 person claiming this disqualification must submit a letter or certificate from the appropriate clerk

9	of court or jury commissioner verifying such prior or pending juror service unless such service
10	was performed or is pending in a court of the commonwealth.

- 11 SECTION 3. Section 62 of chapter 234A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
- 12 inserting, after the eleventh sentence, the following sentence:- These materials shall include an
- 13 explanation of employer civil and criminal liability under sections 60 and 61 of this chapter.