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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3208

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan and Ellen Story

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 order for the appointment of a special committee of the House for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the children of incarcerated mothers in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*1/12/2015*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/13/2015*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*2/3/2015*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*1/30/2015*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*	*2/2/2015*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*	*1/28/2015*
Linda Dorcena Forry	*First Suffolk*	*1/30/2015*
Gloria L. Fox	*7th Suffolk*	*1/23/2015*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*1/24/2015*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*	*2/4/2015*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*	*2/2/2015*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*1/27/2015*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*1/23/2015*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*	*1/30/2015*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*1/28/2015*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*	*1/30/2015*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*	*1/29/2015*

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House of Representatives, October 05, 2015.

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

Ordered, That a special committee is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the children of incarcerated mothers in the commonwealth. The committee shall consist of 11 members of the House: 8 persons to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 3 by the minority leader.

In the course if its investigation, the committee shall study, but not be limited to, the mental health needs, case management services, education, training and transportation issues for all such children and their incarcerated mothers, data collection and reporting by the department of corrections and sheriffs on this cohort, the capacity of the department of corrections and sheriffs for self-review, the frequency of such review and the department of correction's response to findings, the role of law enforcement including sheriffs and police and the role of private providers, including social workers, therapists and medical personnel.

12 The committee shall issue quarterly reports on its activities, to include the results of its
13 investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
14 necessary to carry its recommendations, by filing the same and an annual report of the same with
15 the clerk of the house of representatives and the house chair of the joint committee on children,
16 families and persons with disabilities on or before October 15, 2016.