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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Jason M. Lewis*, (BY REQUEST)**

*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 resolve:

Resolve regarding revitalizing the right of free petition.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Vincent Lawrence Dixon* | *60 Lake Street - Unit N Winchester, Mass. 01890* |

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1677) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation to revitalize the right of free petition. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

Resolve regarding revitalizing the right of free petition.

**Resolved,** 1.) A Resolution regarding informing the population of Massachusetts about the use of the Right Of Free Petition; the use of Bills, Resolves, Resolutions, and Proposals for Constitutional Amendments.

2.) It being the proper business of the persons of Massachusetts, to be able to intersect with their government, therefore The Right Of Free Petition, should be revitalized, by a series of steps considered by The Great And General Court, and its two legislative chambers.

3.) This legislation requests and describes creation of a Special Committee and/or Commission of members of the House, and Senate, to consider how to publicize, educate, and disseminate information to the general population of Massachusetts, regarding the availability, and processes for filing proposed legislative actions under the Right Of Free Petition.

4.) The Special Committee and/or Commission shall hold, well-publicized hearings, at both the State House, and in at least three other geographically disparate areas of The Commonwealth, to collect public comment regarding actions to be taken.

5.) A suitable generally available publication shall be created, and disseminated by the Secretary of The Commonwealth, to provide general information as to how this right can be readily exercised.

6.) This body shall be a membership appointed by the Speaker Of The House, President Of The Senate, and shall have representation of both political parties, from each body. Membership shall be appointed within in three (3) months of passage.

7.) This body shall have a lifespan of eighteen (18) months from the appointment of its members.