

HOUSE No. 726

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

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 testimony in gang related cases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

13th Bristol

Michelle M. DuBois

10th Plymouth

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 726) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Michelle M. DuBois relative to punishment for failure to testify in gang related violent crime cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to ensure testimony in gang related cases.

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 5 of chapter 233 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

3 “Where the defendant is accused of a violent crime as defined in section 121 of chapter
4 140 that is a result of gang activity the punishment for such failure to attend shall be by a fine of
5 not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or both.”.