

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 739**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 exempt family members of murder victims from jury service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/6/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 739) of James M. Cantwell and others for legislation to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1225 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to exempt family members of murder victims from jury service.

*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 4 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following:-

3           9. Such person is the direct family member of a murder victim. A direct family member  
4 shall mean a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent or any spouse of such child, parent,  
5 sibling or grandparent.