

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 809**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 relative to intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/11/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 809) of Colleen M. Garry, Angelo L. D'Emilia and Keiko M. Orrall relative to the penalties for protests intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1337 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others.

*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. Notwithstanding any special or general law, or rule or regulation to the  
2   contrary, Any person who intentionally blocks or prevents access to a public roadway or  
3   highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others shall be  
4   punished by imprisonment in state prison for not more than 10 years or by a fine of not more  
5   than one thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail or house of correction for not more than two  
6   and one half years.