

SENATE No. 899

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 advance hate-crime protections for victims who are targeted due to their gender.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2017</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 899) of Joan B. Lovely, Jason M. Lewis, Barbara A. L'Italien and Chris Walsh for legislation to advance hate-crime protections for victims who are targeted due to their gender. The Judiciary.

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

An Act to advance hate-crime protections for victims who are targeted due to their gender.

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 39 of Chapter 265 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended in line 4 by inserting after the words “national origin,” the follow: “gender,”