

**SENATE . . . . . No. 899**

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**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)**  
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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,”