

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1510**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Josh S. Cutler and Kathleen R. LaNatra***

*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 supporting victims of domestic violence.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                        | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:    | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i>        | <i>6th Plymouth</i>  | <i>2/19/2021</i> |
| <i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>   | <i>12th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Kara Cleveland</i>        |                      | <i>2/19/2021</i> |
| <i>Christopher Hendricks</i> | <i>11th Bristol</i>  | <i>2/25/2021</i> |

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By Representatives Cutler of Pembroke and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1510) of Josh S. Cutler, Kathleen R. LaNatra and others relative to victims of domestic violence. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to supporting victims of domestic violence.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 208 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 56. No court shall make an order requiring a victim of a domestic violence  
3 offense to pay alimony or child support to a spouse who committed the domestic violence  
4 offense; provided, that the individual or their child was the victim of the underlying offense. For  
5 the purposes of this paragraph "domestic violence offense" shall mean: (a) the violation of an  
6 order issued pursuant to: (i) section 18, 34B or 34C, (ii) section 32 of chapter 209, (iii) section 3,  
7 4 or 5 of chapter 209A, or (iv) section 15 or 20 of chapter 209C; (b) a conviction pursuant to any  
8 of the following sections; provided, that the underlying offense was committed against a family  
9 or household member, as defined in said section 1 of said chapter 209A: section 13A, 13B, 13B  
10 ½, 13B ¾, 13F, 13H, 13J, 13K, 13L, 13M, 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 15E, 16, 17, 18, 18A, 18B,  
11 18C, 19, 20, 21, 21A, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 23, 23A, 23B, 24, 24B, 26, 26A, 26B, 26D, 28, 29, 43,

- 12 43A, 50 or 51 of chapter 265; or a like violation of the laws of another state, the United States or
- 13 a military, territorial or Indian tribal authority.