

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 769**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mike Connolly and Joan Meschino***

*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 supporting parents running for public office.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>

<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balse</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>5/5/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>

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By Representatives Connolly of Cambridge and Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 769) of Mike Connolly, Joan Meschino and others relative to child care expenses for candidates while performing work or attending certain campaign events. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 639 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act supporting parents running for public office.

*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. Section 1 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting

3           “Child care,” care provided to a candidate’s child, including but not limited to,  
4 professional or casual baby-sitting services, non-profit or for profit organizations that provide  
5 such services, and any other costs directly related to such services that occur as a result of  
6 campaign activities. Expenses may not include payments to a relative of a child, unless the  
7 relative owns or operates a professional daycare or babysitting service and the cost of the service  
8 is no greater than the relative would otherwise charge.

9           SECTION 2. Section 6 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016

10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “office”, in line 66 the  
11 following: -  
12 or expenses relating to the provision of child care services that would not otherwise exist  
13 but for the existence of the campaign.

14 SECTION 3. The director of the office of campaign and political finance shall  
15 promulgate rules and regulations to implement this act no later than July 1, 2021.