

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1900**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Chynah Tyler*

*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 telephone service for inmates in all correctional and other penal institutions in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaima Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/14/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>4/17/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/26/2021</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/6/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>5/20/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>5/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>6/1/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>6/23/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/1/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>7/8/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>7/9/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>7/14/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>8/26/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>9/2/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>9/7/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/16/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/20/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>10/4/2021</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/9/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/5/2022</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2022</i>

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By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1900) of Chynah Tyler and others relative to telephone service for inmates in correctional institutions. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3452 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to telephone service for inmates in all correctional and other penal institutions in the Commonwealth.

*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. Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 87 the following section:-

3 Section 87A. State and local agencies charged with the operation and management of  
4 state prisons, local jails, and juvenile detention centers shall provide persons in their custody and  
5 confined in a correctional or detention facility with voice communication service free of charge.  
6 Communications shall be maximized to the extent possible. Nothing in this section shall abrogate  
7 existing law preserving in-person contact visits. Such state and local agencies may supplement  
8 voice communication service with other communication services, including, but not limited to,  
9 video communication and electronic communication services. To the extent that such voice

- 10 communication service or any other communication service is provided, each such service shall
- 11 be provided free of charge to the person initiating and the person receiving the communication.