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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jack Patrick Lewis***

*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 LGBT and HIV positive seniors in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/28/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to LGBT and HIV positive senior citizens. Elder Affairs.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act relative to LGBT and HIV positive seniors 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 Chapter 19A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 44. For the purposes of administering the federal Older Americans Act of 1965

3 and subsequent amendments thereto, the term "greatest social need", as defined in 42 U.S.C.

4 3002(24), shall mean the need caused by non-economic factors that restrict an individual's ability

5 to perform normal daily tasks or that threaten the individual's capacity to live independently.

6 These factors shall include, but are not limited to, physical or mental disability, language barriers

7 and cultural or social isolation caused by, among other things, racial and ethnic status, sexual

8 orientation, gender identity or expression or HIV status.