SENATE No. 968

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone Creem

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 the preservation of certain appellate rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Cynthia Stone CreemFirst Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 968) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to preserve certain appellate rights. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 885 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act relative to the preservation of certain appellate rights.

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 233 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
- 2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:-
- 3 Section 84. In a criminal proceeding, a written motion in limine shall be sufficient to
- 4 preserve an objection for appellate purposes, regardless of whether the objection is orally
- 5 renewed at trial, unless the trial judge specifically states that the issue must be raised again at
- 6 trial in order to be considered on the record as it then stands.