

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2667****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Soter***

*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 to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>

<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2023</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>4/5/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>7/27/2023</i>

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By Representative Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2667) of Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2781 OF 2021-2022.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)  
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An Act to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, all  
2   Public Safety Dispatchers or Public Safety Telecommunicators shall receive the same internal  
3   benefits as First Responders. For the purpose of this paragraph, " Public Safety Dispatchers or  
4   Public Safety Telecommunicators" means an individual employed by a public safety agency, as  
5   the initial first responder, whose primary responsibility is to receive, process, transmit, or  
6   dispatch emergency and nonemergency calls for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and  
7   other public safety services by telephone, radio, or other communication device, and includes an  
8   individual who promotes from this position and supervises individuals who perform these  
9   functions. No change shall be made to such Telecommunicators' compensation and pension  
10   benefits.