

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1217****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Rebecca L. Rausch***

*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 uplifting families and securing the right to strike for certain public employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/29/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>3/29/2023</i>
<i>Pavel Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>4/11/2023</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>4/27/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/5/2023</i>
<i>Robyn K. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2024</i>

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1217) of Rebecca L. Rausch, James K. Hawkins, Marc R. Pacheco, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to uplift families and secure the right to strike for certain public employees. Labor and Workforce Development.

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## 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 uplifting families and securing the right to strike for certain public employees.

*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 9 of chapter 150E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “a reasonable period”  
3   and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 6 months.

4           SECTION 2. Said section 9 of chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
5   by inserting, in line 19, after the word “mediation” the following words:- not to exceed 6 months.

6           SECTION 3. Said section 9 of chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
7   by striking out, in line 22, the words “If the impasse continues after the conclusion of mediation,  
8   either” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- Either.

9           SECTION 4. Said section 9 of chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
10   by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:- The provisions of section 9A of this

chapter shall not apply once a petition for a determination of the existence of an impasse is filed under this section, unless the negotiation pertains to public safety employees.

SECTION 5. Said chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in section 9A by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

(a) No public safety employee or public safety employee organization, or any other public employee or public employee organization prior to 6 months of negotiation over the terms of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to section 9, shall engage in a strike, work stoppage, slowdown or withholding of services by such public employees.