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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey and Mindy Domb***

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*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 relating to public access to historical records.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relating to public access to historical records.

*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 7 of Chapter 66 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting at the end thereto the following sentence: All records in the custody of the state  
3 secretary accessioned from state institutions for people with intellectual or developmental  
4 disabilities or mental health conditions in the commonwealth shall be open to public inspection  
5 and available for copying after the expiration of seventy-five years from creation of the record.