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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

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 providing protection from subsequent restraining order violations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Christopher N. Speranzo	*3rd Berkshire*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2159) of Cory Atkins and others relative to the penalty for subsequent restraining order violations. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act providing protection from subsequent restraining order violations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at line 45, after the first sentence in the fifth paragraph, the following:-

Whoever violates such order or a protection order issued by another jurisdiction after having previously been convicted of violating an order issued pursuant to chapter 209A or a protection order issued by another jurisdiction, or after having previously been convicted pursuant to section 13A(b)(iii) or section 43(b) of chapter 265, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than two and one-half years.