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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cory Atkins

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 authorize the town of Chelmsford to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for employees, retirees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	*16th Middlesex*
David M. Nangle	*17th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Atkins of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2410) of Cory Atkins and others (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Chelmsford to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for employees, retirees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to authorize the town of Chelmsford to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for employees, retirees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 32B and chapter 150E of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Chelmsford is authorized to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for Employees, Retirees and Dependents without being subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.

SECTION 2. Further, the Town of Chelmsford is also authorized to alter current and future plan design features, and that such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.

SECTION 3. Further, the Town of Chelmsford is also authorized, but not mandated to participate in, and/or join the Group Insurance Commission ("GIC") pursuant to G.L. c32A, and

11 such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general
12 laws.

13 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not affect the Town's obligations under any
14 collective bargaining agreement(s) between the Town and any unions in effect on the effective
15 date of this act; provided, however, that the Town's collective bargaining obligations with respect
16 to group insurance policies under any such collective bargaining agreement(s) shall cease as of
17 the expiration of the agreement(s), regardless of whether a successor collective bargaining
18 agreement has been approved.

19 SECTION 5. This action shall take effect upon its passage.