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HOUSE . . . . . No. 46

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson

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 regarding spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*
David B. Sullivan	*6th Bristol*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
James B. Eldridge	
Gale D. Candaras	
Susan C. Fargo	
Patricia D. Jehlen	
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
William N. Brownsberger	
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Gailanne M. Cariddi	*1st Berkshire*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*

Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 46) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to spouses under the definition of family members serving as paid caregivers. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *152* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act regarding spouses as caregivers.

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 9 of Chapter 118E is hereby amended by adding in the second sentence of the second paragraph, after the words "requirements for Title XIX" the following new language:--

"Any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighteen G, in which family members are permitted to serve as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the definition of family member."