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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to dangerousness hearings..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer L. Flanagan	*[District]*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Joseph D. Early Jr	*District Attorney, Middle District* *225 Main Street* *Worcester, MA 01608*

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 777) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Jennifer E. Benson for legislation relative to dangerousness hearings. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *2312* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to dangerousness hearings..

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. Subsection (4) of section 58A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following sentence in lines 100 to 102: - "The hearing shall be held immediately upon the person's first appearance before the court unless that person, or the attorney for the commonwealth, seeks a continuance."