The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle M. DuBois and Alan Silvia

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 relative to hate crimes against police officers.

PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth
Carole A. Fiola	6th Bristol
Shawn Dooley	9th Norfolk
Gerard Cassidy	9th Plymouth
Carmine L. Gentile	13th Middlesex
RoseLee Vincent	16th Suffolk
David F. DeCoste	5th Plymouth
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
Paul A. Schmid, III	8th Bristol
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden
David K. Muradian, Jr.	9th Worcester
Shaunna L. O'Connell	3rd Bristol
John C. Velis	4th Hampden
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to hate crimes against police officers.

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 39 of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "or disability" and
- 3 inserting in place thereof the following words:-disability or employment as a police officer.
- 4 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of said section 39 of said chapter 265 is hereby amended by
- 5 adding the following sentence:-For the purposes of this section, the term "police officer" shall
- 6 mean any officer of a municipal police department, the office of environmental law enforcement,
- 7 the University of Massachusetts, the department of the state police or the Massachusetts Bay
- 8 Transportation Authority police department.