

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1513**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 manslaughter by protest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>

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By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1513) of Colleen M. Garry, Steven S. Howitt and Marcus S. Vaughn relative to manslaughter caused by reckless disregard of life while protesting or blocking highways or roadway access. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1585 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to manslaughter by protest.

*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. Chapter 265 of the General Laws shall be amended in section 13 by adding  
2   after the word “manslaughter” in the first sentence, the following language:-

3           “or manslaughter caused by reckless disregard of life while protesting or blocking  
4   highway or roadway access”