

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3111**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joan Meschino*

*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 protect the interests of children who are subjects of restraining orders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3111) of Joan Meschino and others for legislation to protect the interests of children who are subjects of restraining orders. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1443 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to protect the interests of children who are subjects of restraining orders.

*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 ? of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting (where) the following:-

3           The juvenile court may modify or vacate any order under this chapter that relates to a  
4 child, if there is a proceeding in the juvenile court regarding that child.