

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3276**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Evandro C. Carvalho*

*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 protecting victims and witnesses of domestic violence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Carvalho of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3276) of Evandro C. Carvalho and others relative to providing for an appropriation for the Executive Office of Public Safety for the protection of victims and witnesses of domestic violence. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act relative to protecting victims and witnesses of domestic violence.

*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. To provide additional funding for the for the protection of victims and  
2 witnesses of domestic violence, the sum set forth in section 2 for the purpose and subject to the  
3 conditions specified in this act, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, subject to the laws  
4 regulating the disbursement of public funds.

5 SECTION 2.

6 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

7 Office of the Secretary.

8 xxxx-xxxx For the operation of a witness protection program under chapter 263A of  
9 the General Laws; provided, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended to provide witness  
10 protection services to victims and witnesses of domestic abuse, as defined in section 1 of chapter  
11 209A of the General Laws .....\$500,000