HOUSE No. 4560

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day and Bruce E. Tarr

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 protecting department of children and families social workers' home addresses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Carlo Basile	1st Suffolk
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Linda Campbell	15th Essex
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester
Sonia Chang-Diaz	Second Suffolk
Leah Cole	12th Essex
Thomas P. Conroy	13th Middlesex

Edward F. Coppinger	10th Suffolk
Claire D. Cronin	11th Plymouth
Daniel Cullinane	12th Suffolk
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk
Geoff Diehl	7th Plymouth
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Diana DiZoglio	14th Essex
Daniel M. Donahue	16th Worcester
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
Kenneth J. Donnelly	Fourth Middlesex
Shawn Dooley	9th Norfolk
Peter J. Durant	6th Worcester
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester
Carole Fiola	6th Bristol
Linda Dorcena Forry	First Suffolk
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex
Sheila C. Harrington	1st Middlesex
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex
Jay Livingstone	8th Suffolk

Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex
Timothy R. Madden	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket
John J. Mahoney	13th Worcester
Christopher M. Markey	9th Bristol
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
Leonard Mirra	2nd Essex
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester
Frank A. Moran	17th Essex
David M. Nangle	17th Middlesex
Shaunna O'Connell	3rd Bristol
Kathleen O'Connor Ives	First Essex
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol
Jerald A. Parisella	6th Essex
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
Michael J. Rodrigues	First Bristol and Plymouth
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex
Dennis A. Rosa	4th Worcester
Jeffrey N. Roy	10th Norfolk
Michael F. Rush	Norfolk and Suffolk
Daniel J. Ryan	2nd Suffolk
Jeffrey Sánchez	15th Suffolk
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Alan Silvia	7th Bristol
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden
David T. Vieira	3rd Barnstable
RoseLee Vincent	16th Suffolk
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex
Donald H. Wong	9th Essex
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	2nd Worcester

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By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day, Bruce E. Tarr and others relative to the disclosure of home addresses and telephone numbers of certain employees of the Department of Children and Families. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act protecting department of children and families social workers' home addresses.

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. Subclause (o) of clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "6", in line 222, the following words:-; provided, however, that a department of children and families social worker's home address and home telephone number shall not be disclosed in any court proceeding and in any proceeding preliminary thereto unless upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to section 135C of chapter 112.

SECTION 2. Section 10 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "6", in line 73, the following words:-; provided, however, that a department of children and families social worker's home address and home telephone number shall not be disclosed in any court proceeding and in any proceeding preliminary thereto unless upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to section 135C of chapter 112.

SECTION 3. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 135C the following section:-

Section 135D. (a) In any court proceeding and in any proceeding preliminary thereto, a social worker employed by the department of children and families shall have the privilege of refusing to disclose and of preventing a witness from disclosing the social worker's home address and home telephone number except as otherwise ordered by the court; provided, that the court enters orders and conditions to limit the disclosure so as to protect the privacy and safety of the social worker.

(b) Service of process, summons or subpoena upon a department of children and families 21 social worker in any court proceeding and in any proceeding preliminary thereto, shall be made 22 upon the agency employing such social worker and in accordance with the Massachusetts Rules 23 of Civil or Criminal Procedure governing any service of process. For the purpose of such service 24 the employing agency, upon request, shall certify to the summoning party the name and work 25 address of any such social worker as disclosed by its records, and service upon parties at a work 26 address so certified shall be sufficient.

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