

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 669**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mike Connolly and 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 supporting parents running for public office.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/15/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>

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By Representatives Connolly of Cambridge and Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 669) of Mike Connolly, Joan Meschino and others relative to child care expenses for candidates while performing work or attending certain campaign events. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 769 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act supporting parents running for public office.

*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 1 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the definition of “Candidate’s committee” the following definition:-

3 “Child-care services,” care services provided to a candidate’s child, including, but not  
4 limited to, baby-sitting services by an individual, non-profit or for-profit organizations that  
5 provide such services and any other costs directly related to such services that occur as a result of  
6 campaign activities; provided, however, that expenses related to child-care services shall not  
7 include payments to a family member, as defined in section 1 of chapter 50, of a child, unless the  
8 family member owns, operates or is employed by a professional daycare or babysitting service,  
9 and the cost of the service is not greater than the family member would otherwise charge.

10           SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
11 inserting, after the word “office”, in line 66, the following: -

12           or expenses relating to the provision of child care services that would not otherwise exist  
13 but for the existence of the campaign.

14           SECTION 3. The director of campaign and political finance shall promulgate regulations  
15 pursuant to section 6 of chapter 55 of the General Laws not later than December 31, 2023.