SENATE No. 2047

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 prohibiting taxpayer-funded nondisclosure agreements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Diana DiZoglio	First Essex	
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex	3/11/2021

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2047) of Diana DiZoglio and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to prohibit taxpayer-funded nondisclosure agreements. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act prohibiting taxpayer-funded nondisclosure agreements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 219 the
- 2 following new section:-
- 3 Section 220. (a) As used in this section, the term "governmental entity" shall mean the
- 4 executive branch, the legislature, the judiciary, and any agency, office, department, board,
- 5 commission, bureau, division, instrumentality or other entity of the commonwealth.

6 (b) No governmental entity shall include or permit the inclusion of a nondisclosure, non-7 disparagement or other similar clause as a condition of employment or in a settlement agreement 8 between the governmental entity and an employee or a student; provided, however, that such a 9 settlement may include, at the request of the employee or student, a provision that prevents the 10 governmental entity from disclosing the individual's identity and all facts that could lead to the 11 discovery of the individual's identity.