

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4529****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:  
**Eugene L. O'Flaherty**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:  
**An Act further defining the dissemination of obscene material.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Eugene L. O'Flaherty	2nd Suffolk
Attorney General Martha Coakley	
Christopher N. Speranzo	3rd Berkshire
John V. Fernandes	10th Worcester
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex
Garrett J. Bradley	3rd Plymouth
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex
Vincent A. Pedone	15th Worcester
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
William C. Galvin	6th Norfolk
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester
Brian P. Wallace	4th Suffolk
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk
Jason Lewis	31st Middlesex
William M. Straus	10th Bristol
Mark V. Falzone	9th Essex
Christopher J. Donelan	2nd Franklin
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Pam Richardson	6th Middlesex
James E. Vallee	10th Norfolk
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk

Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Jeffrey Sánchez	15th Suffolk
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
Jennifer Benson	37th Middlesex
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Daniel E. Bosley	1st Berkshire
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk
Karyn E. Polito	11th Worcester
Rosemary Sandlin	3rd Hampden
James T. Welch	6th Hampden
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Allen J. McCarthy	7th Plymouth
Robert M. Koczera	11th Bristol
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
David M. Torrissi	14th Essex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr.	5th Norfolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act further defining the dissemination of obscene material.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make for the immediate protection of minors, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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. Section 31 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in lines 40 through 43, inclusive, the definition of "Matter" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-  
"Matter", any handwritten or printed material, visual representation, live performance or sound recording including but not limited to books, magazines, motion picture films, pamphlets, phonographic records, pictures, photographs, figures, statues, plays, dances, or any electronic communication including but not limited to any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo-electronic or photo-optical system.