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May 19, 2008.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended by Article LXXXIX, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Validating A Certain Election In The Town Of Medway."

Senator Spilka, Representatives Vallee and Loscocco and the Medway Board of Selectmen have asked that this legislation be filed to permit the town to ratify the Medway annual town election on May 5, 2008. At that election, among other things, the town adopted a charter. Absent this legislation, the town faces the risk of legal challenges to its charter, governance and any actions taken pursuant to the votes cast at the annual town election.

I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval Patrick", written over a large, stylized flourish.

DEVAL L. PATRICK,
Governor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

AN ACT VALIDATING A CERTAIN ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF MEDWAY.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10 of
2 Chapter 39 of the General Laws or any other general or special
3 law or by-law to the contrary, all votes cast by the voters of the
4 Town of Medway at the annual town election held on May 5, 2008
5 are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed in all respects,
6 notwithstanding any defects in the calling of said town election.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.