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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Lyons, Jr. and Marc T. Lombardo

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:

An Act providing legal fees to innocent citizens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James J. Lyons, Jr.	*18th Essex*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*

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By Messrs. Lyons of Andover and Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1481) of James J. Lyons, Jr. and Marc T. Lombardo relative to legal fees for citizens found innocent of committing a felony. The Judiciary.

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An Act providing legal fees to innocent citizens.

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

Chapter 261 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1 the following section:-

Section 1A: All citizens of Massachusetts who are innocent of committing a felony or other heinous act shall have access to taxpayer-funded legal fees that are not less than those provided to any convicted wife murderer, except in criminal cases with respect to guilt or innocence.