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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

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 to ensure testimony in gang related cases.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*
Stephen R. Canessa	*12th Bristol*

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 412) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Stephen R. Canessa relative to the penalty for failure to testify in gang related cases. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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, NO. *3516* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to ensure testimony in gang related cases.

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

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2 Chapter 233, section 5 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
3 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

4 "Where the defendant is accused of a violent crime as defined in section 121 of chapter
5 140 that is a result of gang-related activity, the punishment for such failure to attend shall be by a
6 fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year or
7 both."