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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 provide equal access to medical treatments essential for children with autism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Garrett J. Bradley	*3rd Plymouth*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*
Dennis A. Rosa	*4th Worcester*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Sarah K. Peake	*4th Barnstable*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
John J. Binienda	*17th Worcester*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*

Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	*16th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 76) of Garrett J. Bradley and others relative to access to medical treatments for children with autism. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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An Act to provide equal access to medical treatments essential for children with autism.

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

Chapter 118E of General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting after section 62 the following section:-

Section 63- The Division shall cover the cost of habilitative or rehabilitative medically necessary treatments for children and youth under age 21 diagnosed with on of the Autism Spectrum Disorders by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist who determines the care to be medically necessary. Treatments include, but are not limited to, Applied Behavior Analysis, supervised by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), necessary to develop, maintain or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual. In addition, the Division shall cover the cost of both dedicated and non-dedicated augmentative and alternative communication devices, including but not limited to medically necessary tablets.