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SENATE . . . . . No. 631

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Baddour

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 relative to further protecting victims of sexual offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Baddour	
	☐ *[District]*
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By Mr. Baddour, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 631) of Steven A. Baddour for legislation to further protect victims of sexual offenders. The Judiciary.

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An Act relative to further protecting victims of sexual offenders.

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. Subsection 2 of section 178K of chapter 6, as amended by section 43 of chapter 256 of the acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out the sentence after subsection (vii) and replacing it with the following sentence:- The public shall have access to the information regarding a level 3 offender in accordance with section 178D, 178I, and 178J; provided that, upon a specific request of a victim to the sex offender registry board, the board shall provide access to the information regardless of the classification level and registration status of the offender, provided further that all notices to the victim shall include a warning regarding the criminal penalties for use of sex offender registry information to commit a crime or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender and the punishment for threatening to commit a crime under section 4 of chapter 275.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (k) of subsection 1 of said section 178K of said Chapter 6 is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (k) and replacing it with:- (k) review of any victim impact statement, provided that 60-days prior to the sex offenders classification determination, victims are notified by the board that they have the right to provide a written impact statement.