

HOUSE No. 1438

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 bill:

An Act to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Kay Khan

11th Middlesex

Marcos A. Devers

16th Essex

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1438) of Kay Khan and Marcos A. Devers for legislation to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings . The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings .

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. Section 26 (a) of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new
3 sentence:-

4 Any judge who presided at hearings under sections 24 or 25 shall not preside at the
5 hearing on the merits under this section.