

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1586**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1586) of Colleen M. Garry and Kelly W. Pease relative to the penalties for protests intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1428 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to intentionally blocking or preventing access to a public roadway or highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others.

*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. Notwithstanding any special or general law, or rule or regulation to the  
2 contrary, Any person who intentionally blocks or prevents access to a public roadway or  
3 highway while protesting with the express purpose of preventing passage of others shall be  
4 punished by imprisonment in state prison for not more than 10 years or by a fine of not more  
5 than one thousand dollars and imprisonment in jail or house of correction for not more than two  
6 and one half years.