

HOUSE No. 2169

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 assuring municipal control of military equipment procurement by local law enforcement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2169) of Denise Provost and others relative to military equipment procurement by local law enforcement departments. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act assuring municipal control of military equipment procurement by local law enforcement.

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 53A½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following paragraph:

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no police or fire department
4 in any city or town may apply to the United States Department of Homeland Security, the
5 Department of Defense or the Department of Justice or any other body or agency to procure or
6 accept as gifts any aircraft, including unmanned aerial vehicles, armored vehicles, bayonets,
7 bombs, directed-energy weapons, grenade launchers, international mobile subscriber identity
8 catchers, launch vehicles, mines, missiles, radioactive or nuclear weapons, rockets, silencers,
9 torpedoes, toxicological agents, including chemical agents, biological agents, and associated
10 equipment, or ultrasonic devices used for crowd dispersal without the prior authorization of the
11 mayor and city council, in a city, or the board of selectmen, town meeting or other governing
12 body, in a town.