HOUSE No. 2446

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mindy Domb

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 to enhance child passenger safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	2/17/2021
Christina A. Minicucci	14th Essex	2/22/2021
Natalie M. Blais	1st Franklin	2/24/2021
Richard M. Haggerty	30th Middlesex	2/24/2021
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	2/26/2021
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	2/26/2021
Tram T. Nguyen	18th Essex	2/26/2021
Kate Lipper-Garabedian	32nd Middlesex	2/26/2021
Jeffrey N. Roy	10th Norfolk	2/26/2021
Bradford Hill	4th Essex	2/26/2021
Paul F. Tucker	7th Essex	2/26/2021

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By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2446) of Mindy Domb and others relative to further regulating child passenger restraints in motor vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act to enhance child passenger safety.

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 7AA of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph;-
- The child passenger restraint shall be approved by the US Department of Transportation's
- 4 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213, and must be properly fastened and secured
- 5 according to the manufacturer's instructions. All infants and toddlers under the age of 2 years or
- 6 weighing less than 30 lbs. shall be restrained in a rear-facing car seat. All children 2 years or
- 7 older, or who have outgrown their rear-facing car seat by height and weight, should use a
- 8 forward facing car seat with a harness up to the maximum height and weight allowed by the
- 9 child restraint manufacturer.