HOUSE No. 3109

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Blais

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 access to statements of financial interest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:Natalie M. Blais1st Franklin2/10/2021

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By Ms. Blais of Sunderland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3109) of Natalie M. Blais relative to access to statements of financial interest filed with the State Ethics Commission. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to access to statements of financial interest.

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 3 of chapter 268B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,

is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following

subsection:-

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(d) make statements and reports filed with the commission available for public inspection

and copying during regular office hours upon the written request of any individual who provides

identification acceptable to the commission, including his affiliation, if any, at a charge not to

exceed the actual administrative and material costs required in reproducing said statements and

reports. The commission shall cause to be published on its website statements and reports filed

with the commission in a read-only format; provided, that the commission shall redact all

personal information exempt from disclosure pursuant to clause 26 of section 7 of chapter 4. The

commission shall be authorized, in its discretion, to exempt from public disclosure those portions

of a statement of financial interest filed pursuant to section 5, which contain the home address of

- the filer. The commission shall notify the person whose statement has been examined by
- 14 forwarding said written request, if applicable;