

HOUSE No. 3452

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chynah Tyler

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 telephone service for inmates in all correctional and other penal institutions in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>

<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>

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By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3452) of Chynah Tyler and others relative to telephone service for inmates in correctional institutions. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to telephone service for inmates in all correctional and other penal institutions in the Commonwealth.

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. Chapter 127 of General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

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4 Section 87A. The department of correction and county houses of correction shall
5 negotiate contracts for local and long distance telephone service on the basis of offering the
6 lowest cost to end consumers. The commonwealth, the department of correction and the county
7 houses of correction shall not accept commissions, services, salary or rent payments, or goods
8 from the providers of prisoner telephone service, other than telephones and associated hardware
9 required for installation, upkeep and function of the prisoner telephone system. The department
10 of correction shall negotiate its future contracts to give the county houses of correction the option
11 to join the contract under the same terms. The commonwealth, the department of correction and

- 12 the county houses of correction shall negotiate contracts for telephone service separately from
- 13 that of other services.