SENATE No. 1007

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 vandalism and tagging.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Patrick M. O'ConnorPlymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1007) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to vandalism and tagging. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

An Act relative to vandalism and tagging.

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 126B of Chapter 266 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 11 by striking the words "fifteen hundred" and
- 3 inserting in place thereof the words "two thousand".
- 4 SECTION 2. Said Section 126B of Chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby further
- 5 amended in line 21 by striking the word "obliteration." and inserting in place thereof the
- 6 following:- "obliteration; and provided, however, that if the property marked, injured, marred,
- 7 defaced or destroyed is a war or veterans' memorial, monument or gravestone, or a religious
- 8 memorial or monument, the fine under this section shall be doubled and the person convicted
- 9 shall be ordered to perform not less than 500 hours of court-approved community service."
- SECTION 3. Section 126A of Chapter 266, as so appearing, is hereby amended in line 8
- by striking the words "not more than fifteen hundred" and inserting in place thereof the words
- "not less than two thousand".

- SECTION 4. Said Section 126A, as so appearing, is hereby amended in lines 21-22 by
- inserting after the words "gravestone," the following words:- "or a religious memorial or
- 15 monument,".