

SENATE No. 89

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joanne M. Comerford

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 allowing spouses to serve as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/21/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 89) of Joanne M. Comerford, Mindy Domb, Mike Connolly and Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to spouses as caregivers. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 28 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act allowing spouses to serve as caregivers.

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. The second paragraph of section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting in the second sentence, after the words “requirements for Title
3 XIX”, the following words:--

4 ; provided, that any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to
5 the provisions of this chapter or chapter 118G, in which family members are permitted to serve
6 as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the definition of family member; provided
7 further, the executive office of health and human services shall file a state plan amendment or
8 wavier application, as may be required, to allow spouses to serve as paid caregivers;