

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

CHRIS WALSH, AIA
REPRESENTATIVE
6TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Vice Chairman
Joint Committee on Public Service

Committees:
Ways and Means
Financial Services
Transportation

ROOM 472, STATE HOUSE
TEL (617) 722-2013
Fax. (617) 722-2239

June 17, 2015

The Honorable Brian Dempsey
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Stephen Kulik
State House, Room 238
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Todd Smola
State House, Room 124
Boston, MA 02133

RE: Adopting Senate outside Sections to Expand Housing Court Statewide

Dear Conference Committee Members,

We are writing to urge you and your fellow conferees to adopt Senate outside Sections 53E - 53I and Section 108 which expands the housing court to the remaining 20% of the state geographically that does not have access to the housing court. No appropriation is currently being sought.

This is a key change to ensure that everyone in the Commonwealth has access to justice and fair housing. The Senate outside Sections 53E- 53I and Section 108 will provide:

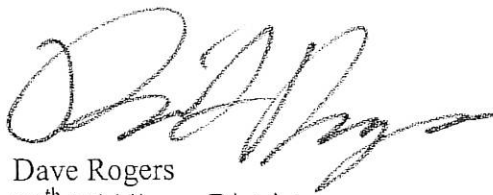
- Housing Court judges with the expertise to analyze the labyrinth of laws on housing.
- Housing Specialists who mediate cases and save the time and the expense of litigation.
- Enforcement to respond quickly to emergencies, building, fire, and housing code violations.
- Homelessness prevention thru the Tenancy Preservation Program for people with disabilities.
- Revitalization of dilapidated properties, improving neighborhoods and local tax collection.

We believe that the expansion will enhance the housing and safety of the one-third of the residents in the Commonwealth who do not currently have access to a housing court. Please adopt Senate outside Sections 53E - 53I and Section 108.

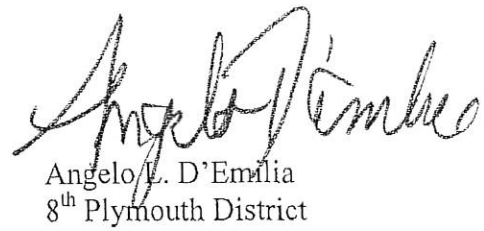
Sincerely,

Chris Walsh
6th Middlesex District

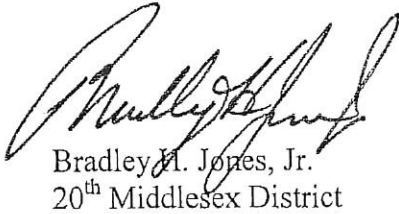
Tom Sannicandro
7th Middlesex District



Dave Rogers
24th Middlesex District



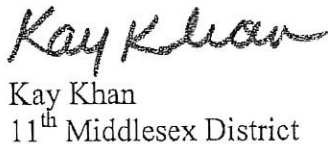
Angelo L. D'Emilia
8th Plymouth District



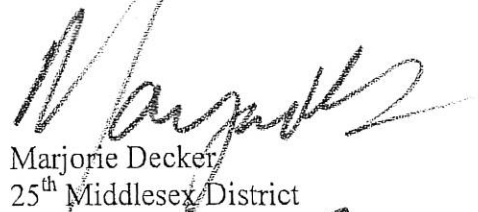
Bradley M. Jones, Jr.
20th Middlesex District



Timothy Whelan
1st Barnstable District



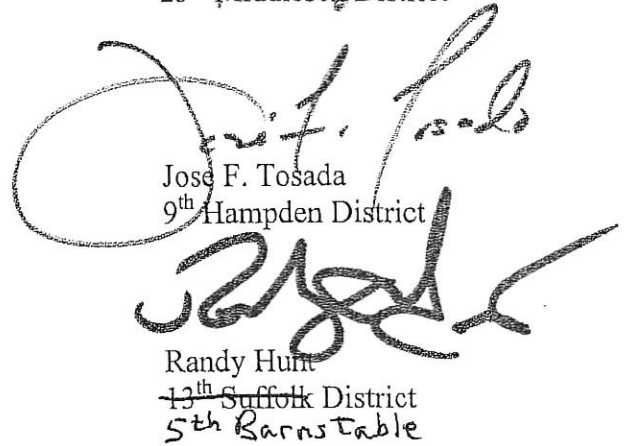
Kay Khan
11th Middlesex District



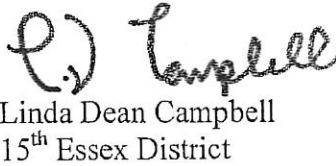
Marjorie Decker
25th Middlesex District




David Vieira
3rd Barnstable District



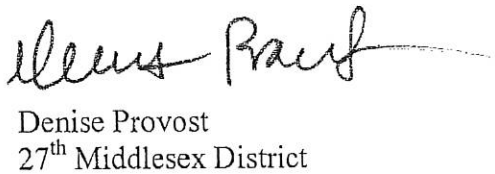
Jose F. Tosada
9th Hampden District



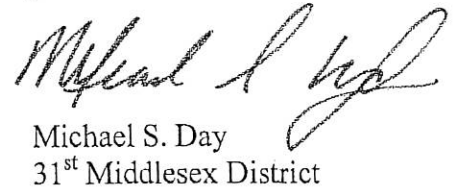
Linda Dean Campbell
15th Essex District



Randy Hunt
~~13th Suffolk District~~
5th Barnstable



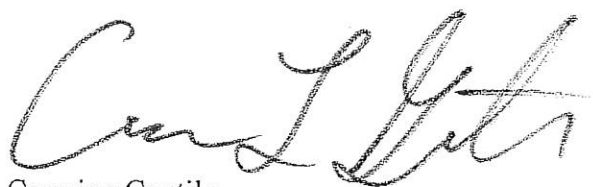
Denise Provost
27th Middlesex District



Michael S. Day
31st Middlesex District



James J. O'Day
14th Worcester District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmine Gentile'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and 'G'.

Carmine Gentile
13th Middlesex District