

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TEACHING OF THE
UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE / HOLODOMOR**

WE THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY PETITION THE HONORABLE HOUSE AND SENATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR PASSAGE OF A BILL INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE REP. JAMES E. VALLEE AND SENATOR KAREN SPILKA REQUIRING THE INSTRUCTION OF THE UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE STUDENTS WITHIN THE MASSACHUSETTS EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL LEARN ABOUT THE TRAGIC EVENT IN WORLD HISTORY WHEREBY 7-14 MILLION PEOPLE WERE DELIBERATELY STARVED TO DEATH BY THE REGIME OF SOVIET DICTATOR JOSEPH STALIN IN 1932 AND 1933.

YOUR VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL IS A STEP IN STRENGTHENING AWARENESS TOWARD THE EFFECTS OF SUCH ACTIONS SO THAT SUCH MAN-MADE TRAGEDIES WILL BE LESS LIKELY TO OCCUR IN THE FUTURE.

IT IS A STEP TOWARD TEACHING OUR NATION'S BELIEF IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE.

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