



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE HOUSE BOSTON, MA 02133

RE: H1366 An Act relative to the prevention of financial exploitation of the elderly
DT: 14 July 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for considering bill *H1366, An Act relative to the prevention of financial exploitation of the elderly* before your committee today

This issue was first brought to my attention by the Director of my local Council on Aging. She informed me that the Boston Globe reported that there are about 7000 cases of financial exploitation of senior citizens every year in Massachusetts. This problem is widespread and needs legislative action.

Additionally, a local court case was dismissed because there was no charge to prosecute the alleged perpetrator.

I would like to bring to the committee's attention to this article from the Boston Globe¹. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. I respectfully request that *H1366, An Act relative to the prevention of financial exploitation of the elderly* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Representative Paul Heroux

¹ <http://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/health-wellness/2014/01/06/aging-brains-financial-decisions-and-law/9ILc8KNA7R6VUqEVCxxZ2L/story.html>