



An Act Relative to the Prevention of Bullying

COMMITMENT LETTER

I/we, the undersigned, support HB 483 An Act Relative to the Prevention of Bullying.

Key Elements of HB 483:

- Based on ADL's multistate model legislation for bullying prevention
- Most comprehensive of the various anti-bullying bills introduced in January 2009
- Addresses harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyberbullying in any public educational institution
- Defines bullying as unwelcome written, electronic, verbal, or physical acts or gestures where a student feels coerced, intimidated, harassed, or threatened
- Requires School Boards to adopt anti-harassment and bullying policies
- Requires Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a model policy and training materials, to review school districts for compliance, and to submit annual reports to the state legislature
- Does not infringe on an individual's right to free speech
- Does not create new grounds for a lawsuit

I would like to be involved in the coalition in the following way(s):

- Please include my/our name on all official coalition materials
- Please keep me/us informed about coalition meetings and activities
- Please keep me/us updated on the status of the bill
- Please keep me/us informed about the Lobby Day for HB 483
- Please let me/us know more about how I/we can testify at the hearing for HB 483, which is scheduled for November 17, 2009

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Trestan, Eastern States Civil Rights Counsel, by telephone at 617-406-6300 or by email at rtrestan@adl.org.

Sincerely,
