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Stop workplace bullying in Massachusetts Help pass the Healthy Workplace Bill, H 1771

The Healthy Workplace Bill gives targets of severe workplace bullying a legal right to seek damages and encourages employers to prevent this destructive behavior:

Workplace bullying is the targeted, malicious, health-endangering mistreatment of a worker by a supervisor or co-worker. Common bullying behaviors include false accusations, exclusion, withholding of information, sabotage, defamation, and unreasonably heavy work demands.

Workplace bullying is a serious public health concern. Over a quarter of workers will likely experience bullying during their working lives.* Many will suffer severe anxiety, clinical depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, hypertension, and other conditions.

Most employers do not take workplace bullying seriously. When employees complain about workplace bullying, most employers either ignore the problem or make it worse.

Workplace bullying is the most serious form of employee mistreatment left largely unaddressed by current law. Most targets of severe workplace bullying have little or no recourse under Massachusetts law.

The Healthy Workplace Bill gives severely bullied workers a right to seek damages. No longer will abused workers be left without legal protections.

The Healthy Workplace Bill is fair and efficient. It allows employers to minimize liability by preventing and responding to bullying situations. It also includes provisions that discourage weak or frivolous claims.

* Source: 2014 WBI U.S. Workplace Bullying Survey

The bill is close to getting passed. We need your help.

Ask Speaker DeLeo to make H 1771 a priority:
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under House and ask him or her
to support H 1771 and to convince House leaders
to make the bill a priority.



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