The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
AN INITIATIVE PETITION FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Under Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth

FILING DEADLINES. Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014**. Local election officials must complete their certification no later than December 1, 2014. Thereafter, initiative petitions containing certified signatures must be retrieved by petitioners from the local election officials and then filed with the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, Room 1705, Boston, MA, no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014.**

SUMMARY

This proposed amendment to the state constitution would declare that corporations are not people and may be regulated. It would declare that the rights afforded to human residents under the state constitution are not applicable to corporations, limited liability companies, corporate entities, or artificial persons. It would declare that the state Legislature has the power to regulate the rights of corporations, limited liability companies, corporate entities, and artificial persons to do business in the state, in order to promote the common good and strengthen the social compact of the Commonwealth.

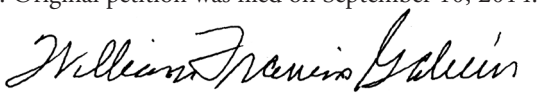
The proposed amendment would also declare that money is not free speech and could be regulated to protect the political process and the functioning of government to serve the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth. The Legislature would have the power to regulate the raising and spending of money and in-kind equivalents for any primary or election of a public official and for ballot measures. This would include regulation of any advertising for or against any candidate in a primary or election for public office and any ballot measure.

The proposed amendment declares that it could not be applied to restrict the freedom of the press.

FIRST TEN SIGNERS

Nicholas J. Bokron	**132 Wilson Road**	**Nahant**
Terra Friedrichs	**2 Wright Terrace**	**Acton**
Laura A. Bloise	**31 Hartford Street**	**Natick**
Susan M. Kennedy	**68 Parker Street, #J**	**Acton**
Diane McAvoy	**103 L Street**	**Montague**
Aikaterini Panagiotakis Koudanis	**64 Nahant Street**	**Lynn**
Gina Sonder	**33 Kimball Road**	**Arlington**
Patricia Shepard	**14 West Chardon Road**	**Winchester**
James R. Kilgore	**67 Brookley Road, #2**	**Boston**
Nina Allen	**249 Huron Avenue, #3**	**Cambridge**

These names have been certified as names of registered voters in their places of residence. Original petition was filed on September 10, 2014.



SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

REGISTRAR USE ONLY:

ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA

CIRCULATOR INFORMATION

SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:

Petition A
132 Wilson Road
Nahant, MA 01908
781-715-7822

CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS

- ***DO NOT ALTER THIS INITIATIVE PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION SHEET.***
- For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter in the city or town named below and your signature should be written substantially as registered. DO NOT sign the same petition more than once.
- If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.

REGISTRAR USE ONLY		I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated below)	WARD	PREC.
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City or Town

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF _____ **MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.**

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ATTENTION VOTERS: Before signing, read signer information on other side. **CITY OR TOWN:** _____

REGISTRAR USE ONLY		I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated on other side)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town will be the same as stated above)	WARD	PREC.
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WARNING - criminal penalty for unlawfully signing, altering, defacing, mutilating, destroying, or suppressing this petition: fine of up to $1,000 or imprisonment for up to one year.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS

REGISTRAR INFORMATION

- You must time-stamp or write in date and time these papers are received.
- Check thus ✔ against the name of each qualified voter to be certified. For names not certified, use the code at the right. Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing signatures.
- Each sheet must be certified by at least three registrars. A facsimile stamp is acceptable.
- You must complete certification no later than December 1, 2014.

N - no such registered voter at that address, or address is illegible.
S - unable to identify signature as that of voter because of form of signature, or signature is illegible.
W - wrong community.
T - already signed papers for this question.

CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES

_____ city or town _____ month and day

We certify that _____ (number of names certified – use numbers and words)

above signatures checked thus ✔ are names of qualified voters from this city or town.

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below.

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Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of

_____ city or town _____ county

City or Town

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF _____ **MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.**

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