

PassMass Amendment

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) (2017) -- Non-Resident Donations

Why is this ballot initiative (and its corresponding statehouse bill) important?

PassMassAmendment's goal is to end the corrupting influence of corporations and big money on the political process. In this petition we are addressing the issue by limiting political contributions from non-residents of Massachusetts on campaigns and ballot questions in an effort to ensure that outside influence is at a minimum.

Here are examples in recent history which causes the concern, we aim to address:

Last election there was a ballot question #2 in which vast sums were spent. Whether you were for or against Charter Schools, the idea that so much money came in from the outside of MA to try and influence our political process and lawmaking should be appalling. The recent legalization of Cannabis question was largely funded by interests from outside of MA. There was also a question on a slot parlor in Revere, that were reportedly funded by a syndicate from Singapore.

How can I help?

This signature gathering period lasts until November 22nd when petition forms will need to be turned in to local election officials to have the signatures certified as registered voters. Please help gather signatures and spread the word about our effort. We need regional coordinators and an effort to inform folks about our what we are trying to accomplish.

PassMassAmendment is a totally grassroots, all-volunteer organization that runs on people power. We really need your help to gather signatures and help inform folks of our efforts. Each signature gathered puts added pressure on the legislature to act!

While you're at it, contact your state legislators to support the bill that corresponds to our ballot initiative, [H3559](#), and ask friends and family to do the same. Check out [our other bills](#) as well!

- ***Why petition, if you have Legislative Bills in the Statehouse?*** Because we have enough experience to know that if we don't continue to build a network of petitioners, that this will never happen. AND because our legislative sponsors (see the list at the website) tell us that it helps them help us to get this to the floor, if the signatures increase.
- ***Where can people find petitions?*** At the website there is a button for the current locations
- ***Can people download a petition form to help petition, sign themselves, and/or get a few of their friends to sign?*** Absolutely! Please see www.PassMassAmendment.org
- ***How to help:***
 - Sign up for our email list - Action Alerts will follow
 - Contact your legislators - Ask them to endorse PassMassAmendment
 - This is a true grassroots effort - Volunteer your time. PassMassAmendment@gmail.com 978 808 7173
 - Donate. This is being run on a bare bones budget. No one gets paid - But we need money for printing and office supplies