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Subject: Request for Consideration

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Dear Madam and Sirs,
I am writing to ask the Board to consider and endorse the following resolution as endorsed by more than 50 cities and towns, across our Commonwealth, and the Stoughton Democratic Town Committee on June 16th:

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A CALL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OVERTURNING THE "CITIZENS UNITED DECISION"

WHEREAS, a Supreme Court ruling made in January 2010 prohibited the government from restricting political payments from corporations; and

WHEREAS, one effect from the ruling, as cited in written commentary refuting the equity of allowing corporations to donate unlimited funds to candidates or political parties, has been the creation of Super Political Action Committees; and

WHEREAS, many states and cities have enacted resolutions opposing the perceived corporate control of elections and are urging Congress to amend the United States Constitution and ban corporate personhood; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) has introduced a constitutional amendment to overturn the Citizens United Decision by the Supreme Court and redefine "corporate personhood" and Representative Ted Deutch (D-Florida) has introduced the same amendment in the House,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Selectmen of the Town of Stoughton, Norfolk County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that it strongly supports a constitutional amendment calling for the overturning of Citizens United Decision of January 2010 and calls upon the legislature to take action on same; anc

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown and Representative Stephen Lynch.

Please inform me of any additional information you might need in order to bring this resolution up for consideration.