

*Thank you helping gather signatures in support of*

# PassMassAmendment!

The ballot initiative to amend  
the Massachusetts Constitution based on  
“Corporations Are NOT People, Money Is NOT Speech”!

**We have til EARLY November** to turn in signatures to Town/City Clerks

## **This packet includes:**

\* INSTRUCTIONS    \* FAQs    \* PETITION FORMS

This packet is intended to be a “do-it-yourself” petition guide for someone who wants to gather signatures from friends/colleagues/neighbors. If you want to gather signatures in public, please look at the website for more instructions and tools. We need 90,000 signatures by early November. With a few hours of work each, we can do it!

[www.PassMassAmendment.org](http://www.PassMassAmendment.org), [PassMassAmendment@gmail.com](mailto:PassMassAmendment@gmail.com), 978 808 7173



# INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. find the sheet for the town YOU are registered to vote in (begin a new sheet if necessary)**
- 2. sign your name; print your last name to the right of your sig**
- 3. print your street & number (& apt # if any)**
- 4. if you know, fill in ward and precinct #s**

**DO NOT** make **ANY** other marks on the sheet

**DO NOT** strike out or write over any mistakes

**If you make a mistake, use another line to fill in the correct info**

**MARRIED FEMALES:**

**sign your own name - eg, Mary Smith (NOT Mrs. John Smith)**

**PHYSICALLY DISABLED only:**

**may authorize another person to sign for you - in your presence**

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## **FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**

- ***Why are we doing this?*** There are many reasons, but mainly to get the corrupting influence of large corporations and big money out of the political process. See a long list of reasons at [www.PassMassAmendment.org](http://www.PassMassAmendment.org)
- ***Is this about Citizens United?*** The Citizens United case is "Federal". What we are doing applies to Massachusetts. But we are concerned about large amounts of money from outside our borders influencing our local elections.
- ***Given Citizens United, won't the Supreme Court shoot down what you're doing?*** We can amend the Massachusetts Constitution and the Supreme Court would not get involved until a law was passed, someone sued, and it then got to the Supreme Court. It would be the early 2020s before anything to do with our Amendment would make it to SCOTUS. By then, SCOTUS, would have different Justices.
- ***Will businesses still be able to hold contracts and own property?*** The only rights that a corporation has in Massachusetts are granted by the Legislature through the Massachusetts General Laws and their charter. We consider our Amendment to be a clarification, which changes no law. In the survey of 2,000 voters across the country, conducted by "Free Speech for People", and a similar survey of over 500 small businesses, it was determined that the vast majority of people from all parties believe that corporations have too much influence over our government. We believe that the framers of the Massachusetts Constitution did not intend for human rights to be afforded to corporate entities. A team of legal scholars, corporate and constitutional lawyers have developed language to clarify the Massachusetts Constitution in the form of an amendment, as the first step in making law to do things like GET BIG MONEY OUT of politics.
- ***What about Unions?*** The largest perceived problem with Unions is their spending of money to influence elections. Limiting Union money in elections is covered by Section 2 of our language, which includes all people and "entities".
- ***Is this Move to Amend?*** No. Move to Amend is working on a Federal amendment. There are many different groups out there working on Federal Amendments. We feel that we are helping to jumpstart the process which will benefit all. Many people within Move to Amend are committed to helping our effort which includes the endorsements of Cape Cod MTA and NorthShore MTA.
- ***Why bother if we don't know for sure if the "government" will let this happen?*** This is a DIRECT ACTION. It's like protesting, except we are guaranteed a Supreme Judicial Court hearing as to whether corporations have constitutional rights or not in Massachusetts and whether money is considered speech. When we gather the required signatures (68,911 certified) if we were to lose in the SJC, remember this, every signature over the 68,911 required, adds volume to the voice of the people, putting pressure on our Representatives in the Statehouse to act. Further, we believe that this WILL work! We have THE RIGHT to amend our State Constitution via petition. We have the RIGHT to make law via petition.
- ***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](http://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
  - This is being run on a bare bones budget. No one gets paid - But we need money for printing and office supplies