

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, 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



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
AN INITIATIVE PETITION
FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment to the Constitution would declare that no person shall be elected to any office in the Commonwealth, nor shall any person be appointed to any office in the Commonwealth, unless he or she has resided in the Commonwealth for a certain period of time before the election or appointment. The proposed amendment would also declare that no person shall be elected to any office in the Commonwealth, nor shall any person be appointed to any office in the Commonwealth, unless he or she has resided in the Commonwealth for a certain period of time before the election or appointment.

THE SECRETARY HAS REVIEWED THIS PETITION AND HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE ELECTION LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH. THE PETITION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ON NOVEMBER 14, 2013.

PETITION SIGNERS	Nicholas J. Belton	177 Wilson Road	Nabers
	Teresa Felsch	2 Wright Terrace	Acron
	John R. Ursprung	20 Elder Place	Newton
	Laura A. Blais	31 Harvard Street	North
	Michael D. O'Connell	443 Cottage Street	Roslindale
	Edith A. Boland	112 Wilson Road	Nabers
	Rita Sebastian	217 Training Park Road	Falmouth
	Patricia Shepard	14 West Chandler Road	Wachusett
	Susan M. Kennedy	08 Parker Street, Unit J	Acron
	John Ford	4 Moore Field	Plymouth

REGISTRAR USE ONLY

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA

SPONSORS OF THIS PETITION MAY BE CONTACTED AT:

Peterson GJ
112 Wilson Road
Nabers, MA 01908
781-715-7312

William Brown Sullivan

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 INITIATIVE SHEET.
- For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter in the city or town (omit below and your signature should be written electronically as registered). DO NOT sign the petition if you are not a resident.
- If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your precinct.

RANGE	TRAIL	SIGNATURE	LAST NAME	ADDRESS	WARD	PRECINCT
1		Mary Smith	SMITH	900 MASS AVE	APT 203	
2						
3						
4						
5						

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF CAMBRIDGE MAY SIGN THIS SHEET

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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
- ***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
- ***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