

Annual Town Meeting
Town of Scituate
April 9, 2013

ARTICLE 29. Petition to contact U.S. Congress to pass and send to the States an amendment to the U.S. Constitution – BY PETITION

WARRANT

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MOTION

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(Danehey)

Mr. Moderator,

I move that:

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