

*Thank you gathering signatures in support of the*  
**PassMassAmendment!**

effort to reduce the amount of Out-of-State contributions  
to Massachusetts elections and Ballot Initiatives

**We have til the November 22, 2017**

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!

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# INSTRUCTIONS



## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts AN INITIATIVE PETITION FOR A LAW

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

### SUMMARY

This proposed law would require that in the event of a vacancy of local political positions or when a person or persons would accept to exercise a political office, political action committees organized outside Massachusetts or from individuals residing outside Massachusetts.

Under the proposed law, committees could accept single contributions of up to \$500 from political action committees organized outside Massachusetts or up to \$500 per year in contributions from individuals residing outside Massachusetts. This proposed law would impose no aggregate annual

contribution limit on such individuals residing outside Massachusetts who would be permitted to contribute a maximum of \$1000 per calendar year to all Massachusetts candidates.

Ballot question committees could accept single contributions of up to \$15,000 from political action committees organized outside Massachusetts or single contributions of up to \$500 from individuals residing outside Massachusetts.

**FILING DEADLINES:** Initiative petitions must be submitted to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 22, 2017**. Local election officials must complete their certification no later than December 4, 2017. Thereafter, initiative petitions containing correct signatures must be received by petitioners from the local election officials and then filed with the Election Division, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, Room 1709, Boston, MA, no later than 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**.

**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 signature**

**3. print your street & number (& apt # if any)**

**4. No need to fill in ward or precinct number**

**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**

<p><b>REGISTERED SIGNERS</b></p> <p>Tera Friedrichs 1 Acorn Avenue Peter J. Barrer Paul Miller Margaret E. Alexander John J. Pelinover Nancy C. Evans Dennis Carini Wayne Friedrichs Janet E. Wiley</p>	<p>2 Wright Terrace 41 Bradford Street 60 Endicott Street 93 Mount Street 5 Gayles Road 20 Essex Avenue, #2 288 Swanton Road, #205 9 Davis Road, #C11 24 Winber Avenue 93 Mount Street</p>	<p>Acton Natick Newton Boston Salem Sellersville Haverborough Acton Acton Boston</p>	<p><b>REGISTRAR USE ONLY</b></p> <p>ONLY REGISTRAR MAY WRITE IN THIS AREA</p>	
			<p><i>Melissa Francis Bellini</i> SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS</p>	
<p><b>CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER INFORMATION</b></p> <p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATORS AND SIGNERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DO NOT ALTER THIS INITIATIVE PETITION IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS ON THIS PETITION WILL DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION PAGE.</li> <li>For your signature to be valid, you must be a registered voter in the city or town named below and your signature should be written substantially as registered. DO NOT sign the same petition more than once.</li> <li>If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize some person to write your name and residence in your presence.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CIRCULATOR INFORMATION</b></p> <p>SENDER(S) OF THIS PETITION REQUEST THAT YOU RETURN THIS PETITION TO:</p> <p>Petition J P.O. Box 74 Salem, MA 01908 781-715-7822</p>			
	<p><b>REGISTRAR USE ONLY</b></p> <p><b>I. SIGNATURE</b> to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as noted above)</p> <p><b>II. NOW REGISTERED AT</b> (street, number and apartment number, if any) (city or town still to be the same as noted below)</p>			<b>WARD</b>
1	<i>Mary Smith</i> SMITH	900 MASS AVE		
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ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF **CAMBRIDGE** MAY SIGN THIS SHEET.

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

**PHYSICALLY DISABLED only:**  
may authorize another person to sign for you - may authorize another person to sign for you - in your presence

# PassMass Amendment

## FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) (2017) Out-of-State Donations

### **Why is this ballot initiative (and its corresponding statehouse bill H.3484) important?**

PassMassAmendment's goal is to end the corrupting influence of corporations and big money on the political process. With this petition we aim to address the issue by limiting political contributions from out-of-state donations to Massachusetts elections and ballot questions.

Here's a recent example of why we're concerned: Vast sums were spent on 2016's ballot question #2. Whether you were for or against charter schools, it is appalling that so much of the money spent to influence our political process and lawmaking came from outside of Massachusetts.

This bill would limit the amount of funds that out-of-state donors can contribute to Massachusetts elections and ballot questions.

### **How can I help?**

PassMassAmendment is a totally grassroots, all-volunteer organization that runs on people power. We really need *your* help to gather signatures, and to spread the word about what we are trying to do. We also need people to act as regional coordinators of this effort.

Each signature you gather will put added pressure on the legislature to act! We only have until November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the date by which petition forms need to be submitted to local elections officials for certification. If you can not turn in the petition forms to these officials, please mail them to us by November 15<sup>th</sup>. (See the Circulator Information box on the petition forms themselves for where to send them.)

While you're at it, contact your state legislators to support the bill that corresponds to our ballot initiative, [H.3484](#), 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?*** Our experience shows that success will depend on building a network of petitioners. What's more, our legislative sponsors (see the list at the website) tell us that the increased number of signatures helps get our bills to the floor.

***Where can people find petitions?*** Please see the page on our website with this information.

***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.
- Volunteer your time. [PassMassAmendment@gmail.com](mailto:PassMassAmendment@gmail.com), 978 808 7173. This is a true grassroots effort.
- Donate. We run on a bare bones budget. No one gets paid, but we need money for printing and office supplies.