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CORPORATE POLITICAL SPENDING AMENDMENT ASKS MA STATE LEGISLATORS TO BE A MODEL FOR THE NATION

This April, public hearings on the "PassMassAmendment" successfully passed through the Election Laws and Judiciary Committees. Filed by [Senator Kenneth Donnelly](#), [Representatives Dave Rogers](#) and [Paul Mark](#), Senate bill S-53 and House bill H-933 are legislative amendments to the Massachusetts State Constitution proposing to preserve legislative control over corporate rights and political spending. These proposals are based on a citizen initiative petition which states that:

1. **Corporations are not people and may be regulated.**
2. **Money is not free speech and may be regulated.**
3. **Nothing contained in this Amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.**

PassMassAmendment [PMA] proponents declare that corporate power is unduly influencing our representative government, and that concepts of corporate entities enjoying the rights of individuals and money being equated with free speech were viewed as potentially corrupting and necessary to protect against by the Framers of the MA Constitution. Corporations were originally limited dramatically in their actions to prevent them from becoming too powerful.

PassMassAmendment [PMA] is a citizen-based ballot initiative committee, exercising the right to amend and clarify our State Constitution - via both petition and legislative process - for the purpose of reigning in the corrupting influence of excessive corporate power and money in our Commonwealth's political system.

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"...the people have a right to alter the government, and to take measures necessary for their safety, prosperity and happiness."

"...The body politic is formed by a voluntary association of individuals: it is a social compact, by which the whole people covenants with each citizen, and each citizen with the whole people, that all shall be governed by certain laws for the common good."

[the Preamble of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts]

PMA strongly believes that in order to preserve equality among the citizens of our democracy in the Commonwealth and the Nation, all efforts, by The People and The Legislature, at all levels - Federal, State, and Local - moving towards strengthening the "Social Compact" and preserving the "Common Good" are deemed necessary and critical at this time.

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