

HOUSE No. 933

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers and Paul W. Mark

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to declare that corporations are not people, money is not speech.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>

<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

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By Messrs. Rogers of Cambridge and Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 933) of David M. Rogers and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to declare rights afforded to the human inhabitants of the Commonwealth are not applicable to corporations, limited liability companies or any other corporate entities. Financial Services.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to declare that corporations are not people, money is not speech.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 Corporations are not people and may be regulated. The rights afforded to the human
2 inhabitants of the commonwealth, under this constitution, are not applicable to corporations,
3 limited liability companies or any other corporate entity. Any references to persons, citizens,
4 inhabitants, subjects, men, people, individuals or like terms in this constitution, are not to be
5 construed in any way to be referring to a corporation, limited liability company or any other
6 corporate entities.

7 Corporations, limited liability companies and any other corporate entity shall do business
8 in this state under the regulation of laws passed by the general court which shall set the rights of
9 such entities to do business to promote the common good and strengthen the social compact of
10 this commonwealth.

11 Money is not free speech and may be regulated. To protect our political process and the
12 functioning of government to serve in the best interests of the citizens of the commonwealth,
13 money shall not be considered free speech. The general court shall have the power to regulate the
14 raising and spending of money and in-kind equivalents for any primary or election of a public
15 official and for ballot measures. This shall include regulation of any advertising for or against
16 any candidate in a primary or election for public office and any ballot measure.

17 Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to restrain the liberty of the
18 press.