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Initiative Petition Information Sheet

Title of Petition: Constitutional Amendment to Declare, "Corporations Are Not People, Money Is Not Speech"

Petition Number: 13-01

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Will the proponents propose a summary by the Monday, 5 days after the petition-filing deadline?

x Yes ___No

Will the proponents submit a memo of law by the Friday 9 days after the petition-filing deadline?

___Yes _x_No

Please note that the above information will be made available to the public and particularly to possible opponents of certification. The Proponent and Proponents' Attorney (if any) will receive copies of any materials submitted by the public regarding certification.

(to be filled in by Attorney General's Office staff)

AGO Staff Person Receiving Petition: PS

Date: 8/1/13

Initiative Petition
to amend the
Massachusetts Constitution
to declare that

"Corporations are not people, money is not speech"

The Constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following Article of Amendment:

Section 1. Corporations are not people and may be regulated. The rights afforded to the human inhabitants of the Commonwealth, under this Constitution, are not applicable to corporations, limited liability companies or any other corporate entity. Any references to persons, citizens, inhabitants, subjects, men, people, individuals or like terms in this Constitution, are not to be construed in any way to be referring to a corporation, limited liability company or other corporate entities. Corporations, limited liability companies and any other corporate entity shall do business in this state under the regulation of laws passed by the legislature which shall set the rights of such entities to do business to promote the common good and strengthen the social compact of this Commonwealth.

Section 2. Money is not free speech and may be regulated. To protect our political process and the functioning of government to serve in the best interests of the citizens of the Commonwealth, money shall not be considered free speech. The legislature shall have the power to regulate the raising and spending of money and in-kind equivalents for any primary or election of a public official and for ballot measures. This shall include regulation of any advertising for or against any candidate in a primary or election for public office and any ballot measure.

Section 3. Nothing contained in this Amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

I, the undersigned agree with the above proposed Amendment language and agree to be one of the original signers of this initiative petition.

Original Ten Signers

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