

HOUSE No. 1497

By Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Tisei, joint petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution prohibiting eminent domain takings for the purpose of economic development. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Robert S. Hargraves
Richard R. Tisei	Robert L. Hedlund
Paul J. P. Loscocco	Bradford Hill
Bruce E. Tarr	Donald F. Humason, Jr.
Mary S. Rogeness	Michael R. Knapik
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Jeffrey Davis Perry
John A. Lepper	Elizabeth A. Poirier
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	Karyn E. Polito
Lewis G. Evangelidis	Richard J. Ross
F. Jay Barrows	Todd M. Smola
Scott P. Brown	Daniel K. Webster
Paul K. Frost	Brian S. Dempsey
Susan Williams Gifford	

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
PROHIBITING EMINENT DOMAIN TAKINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

9 The taking of land or interests therein by eminent domain for
10 private commercial or economic development is hereby declared

11 not to be a public use of the Commonwealth under the first
12 paragraph of Article X of Part the First of the Constitution.