Initiative Petition for a Law Relative to Public Disclosures by Certain Corporate Taxpayers

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority:

SECTION 1. Section 83 of chapter 62C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking from the last sentence of subsection (a) the words, "; but the report or amended report shall be available for public inspection only after the state secretary has expunged the name of the taxpayer and the location, including street address, of the taxpayer's principal office as required by subsection (n)"

SECTION 2. Said Section 83, as so appearing, is further amended by striking the period at the end of subsection (m) and replacing it with the following: -- ", together with a list of any corporations required to file in the preceding year that failed to file a report in that year."

SECTION 3. Said Section 83, as so appearing, is further amended by striking subsection (n) and replacing it with the following: -- "(n) The state secretary shall make all information contained in the reports required under this section for all filing corporations available to the public on an ongoing basis in the form of a searchable database accessible through the internet. The state secretary shall make available, and shall set charges to be paid by requesters that reasonably cover the cost to the state of providing, copies on appropriate computer-readable media of the entire database for reports filed during each calendar year, as well as hard copies of individual annual reports for specific corporations. No report for any corporation for a particular tax year or information from such report shall be publicly available until the first day of the third calendar year that follows the calendar year in which the particular tax year ends."

I have personally reviewed the text of this Initiative Petition, fully subscribe to its contents, and agree to be one of its original signers.
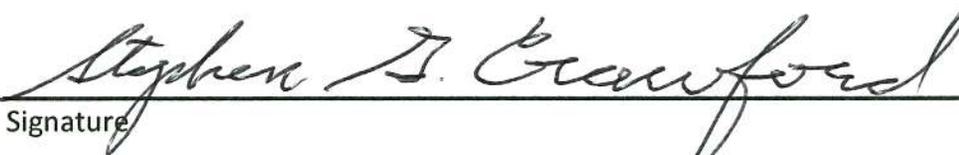
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