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Citizenship Affirmation	I am a U.S. Citizen
Residency Affirmation	I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Statement of Intent	I intend to comply with and advance the policy established by this Act.

Statement of Interest	<p>My intention to be part of this committee stems from the premise that a democratic government should represent the people, equally and without influence from outweighing forces. In addition, I am strongly committed and passionate about justice, and this amendment will do just that: bring justice by giving power back to the people. Money is not speech. Corporations are not people.</p> <p>I bring a different perspective than many who have already applied (so far). I am latino, and am living through a time in which policies established to make those at the top wealthier, while veterans, children, the disabled, and the elderly struggle to make ends meet. I am a victim, yet I understand the importance of free enterprise and the merging of DEMOCRATIC socialism with capitalism. I understand the importance of a fair and representative election system. Furthermore, I follow the news from a variety of sources, I am analytical, and critical of what at plain sight seems "reasonable". I am a public servant who sees the struggle of people whose government have failed them.</p> <p>I live in one of the poorest towns in Massachusetts. I see the struggle everyday. I struggle, too. I am ignited by the injustice people at the very top have committed against those whose fortunes they owe. Given my background and education, I am sure my participation in this committee will make it more all-encompassing. I am sure I will voice the opinion of a significant part of the Commonwealth.</p>
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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
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If multiple or other, please explain	Independent (Prior to October 2018)
City or Town where you reside	LAWRENCE
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Social Insurance Specialist
Employer	U.S. Social Security Administration

Abel Guzman

EDUCATION

City, University of London 2015-2016
Master of Arts: International Politics, With Merit

Oral Roberts University 2012-2014
Bachelor of Arts: Government, Pre-Law, Theology Minor

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Social Security Administration Boston, MA September 2017 – Present (40hrs week)
Social Insurance Specialist

- Adjudicated claims for retirement, disability, survivors, supplemental security income and health insurance, while making sure that initial entitlement and documentation criteria was met.
- Became knowledgeable while facilitating information to beneficiary's regarding their rights and Social Security laws, as well as gathered pertinent facts and evidence to establish entitlement.
- Resolved discrepancies, clarified issues, and made final decisions for initial and post entitlement benefits.
- Authorized entitlement or disallowance actions at all levels of difficulty and complexity under programs administered by SSA; and used state of-the-art technology to access and update claims information.

Lawrence Public Schools Lawrence, MA July 2014-September 2015 (34 hrs/week)
Library Assistant & Clerk for Abbott Academy

- Assisted with tasks related to loaning and recollecting of library materials, helped students obtain the library system registration and allocate resources for class assignments.
- Taught students how to use the library services effectively, while helping teachers locate literary materials for their classrooms.
- Supervised the proper use of the facility and equipment, cataloged new arrivals, and worked with databases and equipment while updating the library website and online services.

Lord & Taylor Salem, NH June 2014-December 2018 (20hrs/week)
Sales Associate

- Assisted customers with merchandise selection and ensured that the customer's Lord & Taylor experience was a positive one.
- Provided professional service and was continuously becoming knowledgeable of merchandise.
- Offered credit services to customers.
- Worked in a team-oriented environment, used strong people skills and was comfortable with building client relationships. I reported to an Area Sales Manager.

Oral Roberts University Tulsa, OK January 2013-May 2014 (25 hrs/week)
Assistant Building Manager

- Supervised all operations of the Armand Hammer Student Center.
- Contributed largely to the first Policies & Procedures Manual and its implementation.
- Enforced university rules and guidelines, hired new staff, coordinated budget, building maintenance and repairs, building security, and requested special janitorial services.
- Managed and stayed informed of changes to space assignments in the facility, coordinated department facility related activities and projects, and developed and implemented facility emergency plans.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ORU Missions & Outreach, Missionary to Italy—May 2014

ORU Missions & Outreach, Community Outreach Team Member—Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Oral Roberts University General Assembly, Student Representative at Large—Fall 2012, Spring 2013

Oral Roberts University, Peer Tutor of Spanish – Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Hillsong Church London/Boston, Volunteer – January 2016 – March 2018

Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, Moot Court & House—Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Collegiate Academy Participant— July 2012

ORU International Relations Club, Member—Spring 2012