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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

Concentrations of personal and corporate wealth over-determine political outcomes in the United States, and citizen-driven campaign finance reform is an issue that will determine the future of our democracy by increasing voter participation and achieving greater equity in campaign finance.

The challenge will be to reduce the role of concentrated wealth in political campaigns while protecting individual First Amendment rights.

As a co-captain of a group of 18 volunteers I worked to put Issue 2 on the ballot and to gain its approval, soliciting petition signatures and verifying signatures with the Brookline Town Clerk. I spoke on behalf of Issue 2 at four different organizations.

I worked to advance public discussion through opinion commentaries,

arguing that reasonable campaign finance regulation supports capitalism
<http://brookline.wickedlocal.com/news/20180727/commentary-why-citizens-united-should-be-overruled-by-constitutional-amendment>;

identifying misconceptions in the Citizens United decision (with Johannes Epke)

<http://brookline.wickedlocal.com/news/20180929/letter-to-editor-lets-correct-misconceptions-about-campaign-finance>;

placing campaign finance reform in a larger context of democracy

<https://brookline.wickedlocal.com/news/20181213/letter-to-editor-we-need-to-restore-democracy>

Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3282862/71887710/477192672/71887710_bio_statement.docx
Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
City or Town where you reside	BROOKLINE
Employment Status	Unemployed

I spent nearly forty years in an academic career with the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, fulfilling various academic and administrative roles as Professor of Organizational Behavior and later, Management Policy. Predominately, I focused my academic work on Organizational Behavior, Business and Public Policy, Business and Society, and Global Issues. I finished my career at Lesley University in Cambridge as a Professor in the Independent Study Degree Master's Program and as Associate Dean in the Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences.