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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>In 2010, during his State of the Union address, President Obama criticized a Supreme Court ruling from earlier that year, which he warned could "open up the floodgates to special interests" in our elections. At the time, I had little comprehension of how corporate money could corrupt our political system. After the outcome of the 2016 Presidential race, however, I noticed that from 2008 to 2016 special interest spending in federal elections had risen by nearly 400% - a concerning development. As a student at the College of the Holy Cross double majoring in political science and philosophy and planning on a career in public service, I would be honored to serve on the Citizens Commission to help limit the growing power of super PACS. Currently, I am a member of the College's nationally ranked moot court team, where I have become familiar with substantive issues of constitutional law through research of court cases and legal precedents. In particular, I have spent extensive time conducting research on campaign finance reform that includes studying referenced legal cases in the Citizens United ruling, as well as accompanying literature on the subject. Through oral arguments, brief writing, and a publication of a weekly campus blog, I have developed excellent oral and written communication skills. Finally, as a younger citizen, I can afford the commission an invaluable perspective on the influence of concentrated money on the internet and social media during political campaigns.</p>
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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Unenrolled
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City or Town where you reside	WORCESTER
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Student
Employer	College of the Holy Cross

# Mitchell Baker

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## Education

- College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA** **May 2022**  
Bachelor of Arts: Double major in Philosophy and Political Science.  
GPA 3.75/4.0.
- Holy Name High School, Worcester, MA** **May 2018**  
Graduated with Highest Honors. National Honor Society. Mock Trial, Captain.

## Work Experience

- Summer Internship- Clerk/Administrator Assistant** **June 2017 – August 2017**  
**Worcester District Court- Worcester Judicial Youth Corp, Worcester MA**  
Selected as one of ten candidates to work as an intern in the Central MA Housing Court. Captain of Worcester JYC Mock Trial Team. Scheduled and oversaw all team practices. Mentored by judges, clerks, administrators, and lawyers.
- Show Manager** **March 2015 – December 2017**  
**Blackstone Valley Coin and Collectibles Club, Blackstone MA**  
Organized shows and helped dealers set up booths before shows start. Planned monthly meetings.

## Activities and Service

- Moot Court, College of the Holy Cross** **July 2018 - Present**  
Attend meetings throughout the week to research and prepare oral arguments Honed ability to master substantive issues of law by understanding the relationships of legal precedents and being able to articulate arguments to judges who challenge my application of legal rules and principles
- College Blogger, College of the Holy Cross** **October 2018 – Present**  
Compose bi-weekly blogposts that highlight classes, activities, events, and extra-curriculars on campus for prospective students.
- Summer Research Fellow, College of the Holy Cross** **Summer 2019**  
Developed research proposal to receive a grant in order to compare Aristotle's and Mencius's approach to the role of politics in cultivating virtue.
- Non-Profit Careers Conference, College of the Holy Cross** **January 2019**  
Attended courses on 501(c)(4) organizations. Obtained field experience with 501(c)(4)s through consulting local non-profit on data management issue.
- Mock Trial, Holy Name Highschool** **Fall 2014 – Spring 2018**  
Led team at attorney table and coordinated all practices through fall and regular season state tournaments. Honed ability to critically evaluate facts, testimonies, and a wide array of other information in order to convey argument to judge.
- The Salvation Army, Milford MA** **June 2016 – August 2017**  
Assembled bags of food for recipients in the local neighborhood. Performed basic building and parking lot maintenance.

