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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>Lincoln's vision of government of, by and for the people depends on our elected leaders being responsive to the legitimate needs of the people. I want to help fix our broken democracy by amending the Constitution to 1) reserve inalienable Constitutional rights for individual citizens, and 2) require Congress and the states to limit money in politics to ensure an equal political voice for all citizens.</p> <p>When making decisions that affect us all, our elected leaders should be motivated by what's best for all their constituents and for the country as a whole, rather than what's best for their biggest donors. Corporate privileges should be defined by democratically enacted laws, not the inalienable Constitutional rights of citizens. We need a Constitutional amendment to remind the Supreme Court of that.</p> <p>With over 30,000 Americans dying annually because we cannot pass commonsense gun laws, millions more unable to access healthcare because of the health insurance lobby, and fossil fuel companies receiving billions in subsidies from the government despite rapidly rising greenhouse gases that threaten our very existence, we urgently need a Constitutional amendment to overturn flawed Supreme Court decisions such as Citizens United v. FEC.</p>
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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
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City or Town where you reside	SHARON
Employment Status	Unemployed

Citizens Commission Concerning a Constitutional Amendment for Government of the People
Summary of Qualifications - Paul C. Lauenstein

1. Education

B.A. Swarthmore College, 1972
M.S. Auburn University, 1977
M.B.A. Babson College, 1982

2. Work Experience

Volunteer, Peace Corps/Nepal, 1972-1974
Volunteer, Kibbutz Ein Hamifrats/Israel, 1975
Fish Farm Manager, Weisbart & Weisbart/Alamosa, CO, 1977-1980
Salesman, The Genra Group/Burlington, MA, 1984
General Manager, MPM Corporation/Medfield, MA, 1985
President/Owner, Blue Hill Press/Canton, MA, 1986-2002

3. Memberships, Boards and Committees

Sharon Water Management Advisory Committee, 2004-2015
Sharon Planning Board, 2009-2014
Lions Club International, 1989-present
Neponset River Watershed Association Board, 2000-present
MWRA Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee, 2003-present
Sustainable Sharon Coalition Board, 2017-present
We the People Massachusetts, 2015-present

4. Involvement with amending the Constitution to overturn *Citizens United v. FEC*

Attended National Citizen Leadership Conference in Washington, DC in 2016 and 2018
Started and chaired the South Suburbs Chapter of We the People Massachusetts
Created Fixing Our Broken Democracy (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCxLwCpJ2HI>)
Presented Fixing Our Broken Democracy to groups across eastern Massachusetts
Helped create Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ygn371H3rEM>)
Helped get Congressmen Kennedy & Keating to co-sponsor the We the People Amendment
Visited staff of Senators Markey and Warren in support of the We the People Amendment
Helped put the amendment question on the ballot in several districts in 2014
Helped collect signatures for Citizens Commission (Question 2)
Visited the offices of all 200 state legislators in support of the We the People Act (HD 1212)
Spoke at two legislative briefings at the State House on the We the People Act