

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions condemning the actions of the Internal Revenue Service in regards to their investigation of non-profit groups with certain political affiliations.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i> | <i>9th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Bradford Hill</i> | <i>4th Essex</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i> | <i>12th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Geoff Diehl</i> | <i>7th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i> | <i>9th Essex</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> |
| <i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> |
| <i>David T. Vieira</i> | <i>3rd Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Shaunna O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i> | <i>8th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> |
| <i>Marc T. Lombardo</i> | <i>22nd Middlesex</i> |

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| <i>Daniel B. Winslow</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> |
| <i>Sheila C. Harrington</i> | <i>1st Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Tackey Chan</i> | <i>2nd Norfolk</i> |
| <i>F. Jay Barrows</i> | <i>1st Bristol</i> |
| <i>Donald Humason</i> | |
| <i>James R. Miceli</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Leonard Mirra</i> | <i>2nd Essex</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Matthew A. Beaton</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Peter J. Durant</i> | <i>6th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |

HOUSE No.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for adoption of resolutions condemning the actions of the Internal Revenue Service in regard to their investigation of non-profit groups with certain political affiliations. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Resolutions condemning the actions of the Internal Revenue Service in regards to their investigation of non-profit groups with certain political affiliations.

1 WHEREAS, THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, A BUREAU OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, IS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
3 UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE AMERICA'S TAXPAYERS WITH UNPARALLELED
4 SERVICE BY HELPING THEM UNDERSTAND AND MEET THEIR TAX
5 RESPONSIBILITIES; AND

6 WHEREAS, CREATED IN JULY OF 1862, DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR,
7 PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND CONGRESS STARTED THE OFFICE OF
8 COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND SANCTIONED A TEMPORARY
9 INCOME TAX TO PAY WAR EXPENSES; AND

10 WHEREAS, IN THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
11 SERVICE IT IS DECLARED THAT THE TAX COLLECTION AGENCY SHALL
12 “ENFORCE THE LAW WITH INTEGRITY AND FAIRNESS TO ALL;” AND

13 WHEREAS, THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HAS RECENTLY COME
14 UNDER INTENSE SCRUTINY FOR THEIR PUBLIC ADMISSION OF THE AGENCY’S
15 “OVERZEALOUS AUDITS” OF APPLICATIONS FOR TAX-EXEMPT STATUS BY
16 GROUPS WITH CERTAIN POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS; AND

17 WHEREAS, THE ACTIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HAVE
18 DRAWN THE IRE OF BOTH THE GROUPS TARGETED AS WELL AS TAXPAYERS
19 NATIONWIDE; AND

20 WHEREAS, AN IMMEASURABLE LEVEL OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE
21 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS
22 CITIZENS HAS BEEN BREACHED; AND

23 RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
24 HEREBY REQUESTS THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
25 INITIATE AND SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A SELECT COMMITTEE -
26 COMPRISED OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES - TO
27 SWIFTLY, THOROUGHLY, AND EXPEDITIOUSLY INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED
28 WRONGDOINGS BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; AND BE IT FURTHER

29 RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE FORWARDED BY
30 THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED
31 STATES SENATE, THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES, AND EACH MEMBER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
33 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.