

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2900**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Geoff Diehl***

*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 bill:

**An Act prohibiting ballot question contributions by certain businesses.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/17/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>3/16/2017</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>

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By Mr. Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2900) of David F. DeCoste and others relative to prohibiting ballot question contributions by certain businesses contracting with the Commonwealth. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act prohibiting ballot question contributions by certain businesses.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 6B of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:- A ballot question committee shall not  
3 receive money or other things of value from a business or professional corporation, partnership,  
4 limited liability company or limited liability partnership, or any subsidiary thereof, which has a  
5 contract with the commonwealth in an amount greater than \$50,000.