

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carmine Lawrence Gentile*

*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 for an application to Congress for an amendment overturning Citizens United.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                           | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:     |
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| <i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/7/2025</i> |

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3768 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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Resolutions for an application to Congress for an amendment overturning Citizens United.

1           Memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass and send to the states for  
2           ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the first amendment and fair elections to the  
3           people.

4           Whereas, for the past 4 decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has allowed for  
5           corporations, unions, political action committees and super political action committees to  
6           influence the political process and democratically-enacted reforms; and

7           Whereas, the first amendment has been greatly impacted by the United States Supreme  
8           Court’s ruling in Citizens United v. the Federal Elections Commission; and

9           Whereas, the United States Supreme Court’s ruling in Citizens United overturned  
10          longstanding precedent prohibiting these interests from spending general treasury funds in  
11          democratic elections; and

12           Whereas, the United States Supreme Court’s ruling in Citizens United will allow  
13 corporations, unions, political action committees and super political action committees limitless  
14 and unprecedented campaign spending and disproportionate influence, threatening the fairness of  
15 the democratic process; and

16           Whereas, the people of the United States have previously used the Constitutional  
17 amendment process to overturn Supreme Court decisions that present a risk to the democratic  
18 process and self government; and in 2018 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Citizens  
19 Commission Concerning a Constitutional Amendment for Government of the People created by  
20 the overwhelming affirmative vote of Ballot Question 2 in the 2018 general election in the  
21 Commonwealth of Massachusetts proposed the following Amendment:

22           “Section 1. We the People have compelling sovereign interests in representative self-  
23 government, federalism, the integrity of the electoral process, and the political equality of natural  
24 persons.

25           Section 2. Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to forbid Congress or the  
26 States, within their respective jurisdictions, from reasonably regulating and limiting contributions  
27 and expenditures in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

28           Section 3. Congress and the States shall have the power to implement and enforce this  
29 article by appropriate legislation, and may distinguish between natural persons and juridical  
30 persons, including by prohibiting juridical persons from raising and spending money in  
31 campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.”

32           now therefore be it

33           Resolved, that the Massachusetts General Court hereby memorializes the Congress of the  
34 United States to pass and send to the states for ratification a Constitutional amendment to restore  
35 the First Amendment and fair elections to the people such as that proposed above; and be it  
36 further

37           Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the  
38 House of Representatives to the President of the United States, to the presiding officer of each  
39 branch of Congress and to the members of those branches from the Commonwealth of  
40 Massachusetts.