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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 proposal for constitutional amendment:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution prohibiting eminent domain takings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*

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By Mr. Bradley H. Jones of North Reading, petition (accompanied by proposal for constitutional amendment, House, No. 01824) of Paul K. Frost and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution prohibiting eminent domain takings.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may become at part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved by the people at the state election next following]:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT

The taking of land or interests therein by eminent domain for private commercial or economic development is hereby declared not to be a public use of the commonwealth under the first paragraph of Article X of Part the First of the Constitution.