

HOUSE No. 529

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice K. Wolf and Byron Rushing

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 relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Alice K. Wolf</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Stanley C. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Hampshire and Franklin</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	

<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael A. Costello</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balse</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, petition (accompanied by Proposal for Constitutional Amendment, House, No. 00529) of Tom Sannicandro and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions . Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions.

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.

1 Section 2 of Part II, “Initiative Petitions”, of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the
2 Constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph a
3 new paragraph, as follows:-

4 No initiative petition shall propose a constitutional amendment that would restrict the
5 rights set forth in this constitution to freedom and equality, or the right of each individual to be
6 protected by society in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property, according to standing laws.