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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 passage of the accompanying:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*
Donald Humason	*[District]*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 66) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1824* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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.