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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITIONERS

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME — MAKE SURE YOUR SIGNATURES COUNT

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY
AND KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

DO'S

DO — Sign the petition yourself, and ask members of your household, relatives and friends in your city/town, and neighbors to sign. Then try to get a few more.

DO — Make sure you collect signatures only of Massachusetts registered voters.

DO — Note that each petition sheet is for one specific city or town only. For example, if you want to petition in three different towns, you need at least three petitions — one for each of those towns.

DO — Print the name of the city or town in the box labeled “city or town” on the bottom of the front and back of the petition sheet. Do not write it anywhere else on the sheet.

DO — Make sure each signature is legible and signed in person as that voter is registered to vote. The voter's address must follow the name (residential street address, *not* a P.O. box.). If you can't make out the signature, ask the signer to neatly print his/her name in the same space above the signature. Also, a common error is a woman signing “Mrs. Fred Jones.” It *should be* “Mary A. Jones.” No Nicknames! Robert, not Bob; Katherine, not Kathy.

DO — When you have collected all the signatures you can on your sheet, take it to your city/town clerk at your city/town hall for certification. It's best to collect now while the weather is good, so try to turn it in ASAP, no later than Veterans Day week. Get a time-and-date-stamped receipt from the clerk. Then take a picture of the receipt with your phone and email it to: wendydwakeman@yahoo.com

If you are unable to turn in a petition to the proper clerk's office, quickly e-mail Wendy at her above address and she'll make other arrangements.

Do Not return to pick up your petition(s). We will collect them all at once.

You can download a printable copy of these petitions to your computer here:

<http://cltg.org/Petitions/>

You *must* print it at 100% scale, top to top front and back, on a single page, on any printer capable of printing two-sided pages. If your printer doesn't allow two-sided printing, find one that does or bring the downloaded file(s), or the two separate pages of each, to a Staples or another print shop. Make sure there are no printer-caused smudges on the pages.

Not following these instructions will cause all signatures gathered on that sheet to be disqualified.

DON'TS

DON'T – Let anyone sign for another person, whether that person is present or not!

DON'T – No stray marks whatsoever on the paper. *Do not* print, stamp, write, highlight, scribble, number, dribble or stain with *anything* on a sheet – except for the name of the town in the boxes labeled “city or town”. Any other mark however seemingly insignificant will disqualify all of the signatures on that sheet.

DON'T – if a signer makes a mistake do not cross out the mistaken signature, just have them sign on the next available line.

TIPS FOR PETITIONING

1. The BEST TIME to collect signatures is between 9 AM and 1 PM on Saturdays.
2. The BEST PLACES to collect signatures are at town dumps and in front of banks, supermarkets and convenience stores: places where people come in numbers. You may also petition near the post office if you are on a municipal sidewalk.
3. Local elections and town meetings are excellent places to collect signatures, as most people will be registered voters from a single city or town. Show up half an hour before town meeting begins.
4. Bingo nights, Farmers' Markets, and community fairs can be good places: even if you can't be on the premises, you can stand near the entrance.
5. Some people might hesitate to sign because they don't know enough about the issue. Emphasize that signing means only that they want to put the question on the November 2022 ballot for the voters to decide.
6. Don't waste time debating. Most people will either sign or say no in the first 15 seconds. Your goal is to collect the greatest number of signatures in the shortest time. Have a copy of the Q&A sheet for people to read while they wait to sign.

SUGGESTED APPROACHES TO POTENTIAL SIGNERS

“Hi, are you a registered voter in [this city/town]?”

“Hi, will you sign our petition to put a question on the 2022 ballot?”

“Hi, would you like to stop higher and automatic gas tax increases?”

“Hi, would you like to require proof of voter identification in order to vote?”