## SUBSTITUTE MAIN MOTION – ARTICLE 23 CITIZENS' PETITION - CITIZENS UNITED RESOLUTION

To see if the Town will vote the following resolution or take any other action relative thereto;

"Whereas the expenditure of unlimited corporate and union general treasury funds to influence elections threatens to overwhelm our individual voices in our electoral and governing processes, and

Whereas the U.S. Supreme Court's 5:4 ruling on January 21, 2010 in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission took away the long-standing power of Congress to place limits on corporate and union spending to influence elections, and

Whereas the Court's decision in Citizens United applies to state and local elections, as well as to federal elections, and so makes real the threat that corporate and union expenditures will dominate state and local elections,

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that this Town Meeting calls upon the Massachusetts delegation to the US Congress to support an amendment to the US Constitution which would overturn the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United, and

**Be it further resolved** that this Town Meeting calls upon our State Legislature to seek the support of the US Congress for an amendment to the US Constitution which would overturn the Supreme Court decision in Citizens United."