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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

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*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 bill:

An Act relative to joint fundraising.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Bradley H. Jones, Jr. | 20th Middlesex |
| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | 1st Plymouth |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |
| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to joint fundraising.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking in line 49 the words “of money”.

SECTION 2. Said section 6 of chapter 55, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting, in line 53, after the words “or ward committee.” the following:-

The following expenditures shall not be considered contributions for the purposes of this section: (1) voter registration and get-out-the-vote activities; (2) preparation, display, or distribution of listings or materials including the names of three or more candidates; (3) preparation and maintenance of data provided to three or more candidates, such as polling data or lists of registered voters and voter identification information; (4) compensation for individuals working on behalf of three or more candidates of the party; (5) campaign training provided to three or more candidates; (6) campaign events or fund-raisers held for the benefit of three or more candidates; (7) other expenditures that do not name a specific candidate.

SECTION 3. Section 10A of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in line 39, after the word “behalf” the following:- provided however, that the fundraising expenses shall be shared pro-rata and that contributions so raised may not be reserved for the future use of the special committee or the candidate or candidates on whose behalf it was formed.