

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 774**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marjorie C. Decker*

*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 bill:

An Act requiring major policy makers to disclose donations to entities engaging in political activity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 774) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the disclosure of donations by major policy makers engaging in political activity. Election Laws.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3553 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act requiring major policy makers to disclose donations to entities engaging in political activity.

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

1 Chapter 55 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 43. (a) Every person in a major policymaking position, as that term is defined in  
3 section 1 of chapter 268B, notwithstanding whether or not that person receives compensation,  
4 shall disclose to the office of campaign and political finance any transfer of money or other thing  
5 of value to individuals or organizations that are formed and operate as tax exempt organizations  
6 under the Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5) and 501(c)(6), as well as by  
7 any other entity, including an entity created under § 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, or any  
8 limited liability corporation, that is not organized as a political committee if that entity engages  
9 in conduct as described in subsection (b).

10 (b) The donor shall disclose any transfer of money or other thing of value to any entity  
11 described in subsection (a):

12 (i) if that entity makes contributions to support or oppose candidates, or to make  
13 independent expenditures;

14 (ii) if that entity makes contributions to support or oppose a ballot question;

15 (iii) if that entity makes electioneering communications;

16 (iv) and to any entity that itself makes a transfer of money or other thing of value in  
17 excess of \$1,000 to another entity that then makes a transfer or other thing value to support or  
18 oppose candidates, make independent expenditures, support or oppose a ballot question, or make  
19 an electioneering communication.

20 This subsection shall apply to any transfer of money or other things of value in excess of  
21 a value of \$1,000.

22 (c) A political committee shall report to the office of campaign and political finance the  
23 identity of any person in a major policymaking position who has made a transfer of money or  
24 other thing of value in excess of \$1,000 to any entity as defined in subsection (a).