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Good governance requires  
effective accountability.

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Purpose of the proposed motion:

To secure enabling legislation, allowing the development and implementation of procedures for recall of Concord elected and appointed officials, for cause.

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Concord has needed recall, for cause, of elected officials in the past.

1985 – State law allowed the BOS to remove an elected member of the Concord Housing Authority.

At present, NO OTHER ELECTED CONCORD TOWN OFFICIAL CAN BE RECALLED FOR CAUSE.

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### Recall In Massachusetts:

About 150 communities in MA now have recall.

In the past 3 years, there have been  
13 recall actions.

About half of those were successful in  
removing individuals from office.

*This is a high success rate, considering the  
expected low frequency of recall, for cause.*

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Concordians are seriously concerned about recall in Concord.

The Town Governance Study Committee regards recall, for cause, as a serious matter.

Town Meeting needs to make the final decision on recall of town officials, for cause.

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