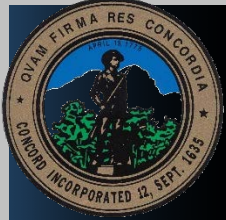


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Resolution – Reducing the influence of Money in Politics

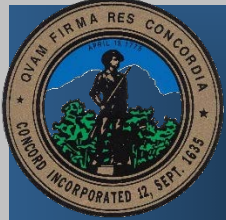
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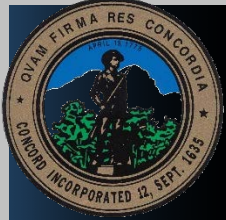
Article 20 asks Town Meeting to adopt a resolution to reduce the influence of money in politics.

The full text is printed in the Warrant



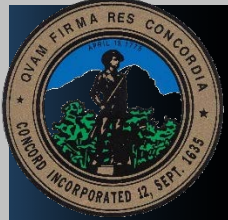
Article #20

corruption
is legal



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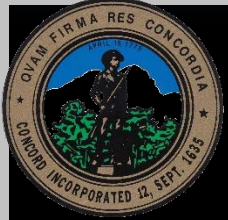




Article # 20

In a Republic

Supreme Power lies with
the citizens



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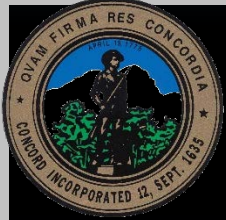
Laws should benefit citizens and the common good

At present, Citizens have very little influence on laws



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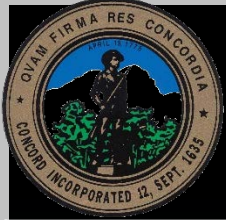
Corporations, Unions, Industry
Associations, Rich Individuals
determine most legislation.



Article # 20

2016 Federal Election cost
\$7,000,000,000 = \$7 Billion

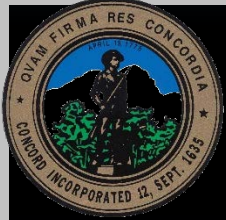
President, Senate, House



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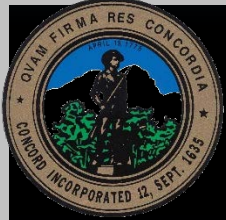
Industry	Campaign Contribution / "Investment" (millions)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	\$1,069
Health	\$266
Lawyers and Lobbyists	\$236
Labor	\$195
Total Spent	\$7,000

Source of data: www.opensecrets.org



Article # 20

- Increase Transparency of Campaign Finances
- No Campaign Contributions from Industries they Regulate



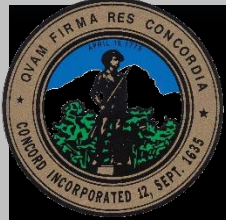
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- Regulate PAC's and Super-PAC's
- Create Publicly Funded Campaign Finance System



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- Enforce Current Campaign Finance Laws
- Limits on Lobbying

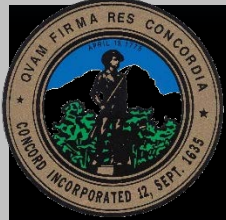


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Anti-Corruption Resolutions in other towns in Massachusetts

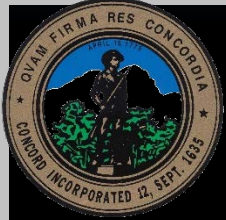
Approved in 5 towns including
Lexington & Acton

On Warrants of 20+ other Towns



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Legislation requested in this Resolution can be passed immediately without a constitutional amendment and without violating any Supreme Court ruling.



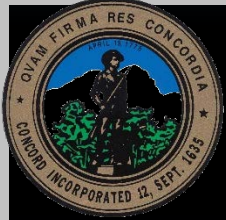
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THE SOLUTION



AMERICAN ANTI-CORRUPTION ACT

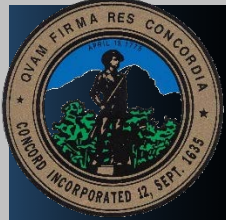
Make corruption illegal



Article # 20

Thank you for helping to
Reduce the influence of
Money in Politics

See Article 20 handout for more details
and references



Article # 20

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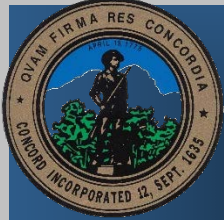
Survey of 200 most politically active
companies: 2009-2014

Investment: **\$5.8Bn** Campaign
Contributions and Lobbying

Return: **\$4.4Tn** Federal business &
support.

ROI: \$750 return on each \$1 invested.

Source: Sunlight Foundation

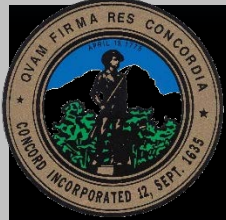


Registered Voters:

*58% favor govt action to limit
greenhouse gases for power
plants to reduce global warming*

*75% of all voters favor regulating
carbon dioxide*

Source: Yale / George Mason University



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Registered Voters:

82% favor federal govt negotiate lower drug prices for people on Medicare

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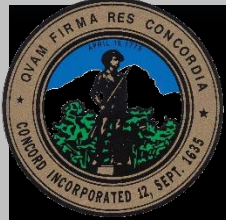
66% favor independent group to oversee pricing of prescription drugs

58% favor Medicare for All

one form of universal health insurance

81% of Democrats in favor & 63% of Republicans opposed

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation (2015 & 2016)



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- *92% of gun owners incl 86% of Republicans support background cks for all gun sales*
- *89% of voters & 91% of gun owners support legislation to prevent mentally ill from buying guns*

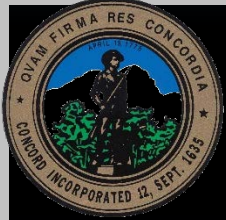
Source: Quinnipiac University – 2014

Contributions to 2015-2016 Federal Elections		Lobbying 2016		Total 1 year	
Industry Sectors	(millions) ('000,000's)	(millions) ('000,000's)	Rank	(millions) ('000,000's)	Rank
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	\$1,069	\$491	3	\$1,560	1
Other	\$709	\$195	7	\$904	3
Ideology/Single Issue	\$564	\$129	8	\$693	5
Misc Business	\$461	\$492	2	\$953	2
Communications/Electronics	\$295	\$371	4	\$666	6
Health	\$266	\$510	1	\$776	4
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$236	\$194	13	\$430	8
Labor	\$195	\$46	12	\$241	10
Energy/Natural Resources	\$168	\$299	5	\$467	7
Agribusiness	\$107	\$126	10	\$233	11
Construction	\$104	\$53	11	\$157	12
Transportation	\$87	\$225	6	\$312	9
Defense	\$29	\$127	9	\$156	13
Total of above industries	\$4,290	\$3,258		\$7,548	
Approximate Total Spent	\$7,000			\$11,000	
source of data: www.opensecrets.org					

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