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**TOWN WARRANT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
October 30, 2000**

Hampshire, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Amherst, in said county, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the registered voters of the Town of Amherst of the **Special Town Meeting** to be held in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Middle School in said Amherst at seven-thirty o'clock p.m. on **Monday, the thirtieth day of October, two thousand**, when the following articles will be acted upon by town meeting members:

ARTICLE 1. Reports of Boards and Committees (Select Board)

To see if the Town will hear only those reports of Town officers, the Finance Committee, and any other Town boards or committees which are not available in written form.

ARTICLE 2. Transfer of Funds - Unpaid Bills (Select Board)

To see if the Town will, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64, appropriate and transfer a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of previous years.

ARTICLE 3. Petition – Resolution – Ballot Questions (A. Steinberg)

“ Whereas, in November, 2000, voters in Massachusetts will face Questions 4 and 6, two initiatives that would reduce state revenue by \$2 billion; and

Whereas, Questions 4 and 6 would squander the Commonwealth’s opportunity to improve our children’s education by reducing class size and improving school buildings, such as state funding for our plan to expand and modernize the Crocker Farm School, and

Whereas, Questions 4 and 6 would deprive the Commonwealth of the resources needed to expand access to health care, reduce the state’s debt, and help Amherst and other cities and towns to provide the quality services we need and expect; and

Whereas, Questions 4 and 6 would deprive the Commonwealth of funds needed to maintain an affordable quality state university system, a resource that is critical to this Town and the entire Commonwealth; and

Whereas Questions 4 and 6 would deplete Commonwealth resources needed to maintain safe roads and bridges, the only means by which Amherst and neighboring communities can improve dangerous and inadequate roads; and

Whereas, Questions 4 and 6 would be unfair in their impact, primarily benefiting those with high incomes, leaving little or nothing for working and poor families who most need our help;

Therefore, be it resolved that Amherst Town Meeting supports and endorses the Campaign for Massachusetts' Future and the Campaign's effort to defeat Questions 4 and 6, and that we will advise voters to reject Questions 4 and 6 on the November ballot."

#### ARTICLE 4. Resolution – Prescription Drugs (Council on Aging)

To see if the Town will adopt the following resolution:

BECAUSE prescription costs deny access to lifesaving drugs for many seniors and people with disabilities, with skyrocketing prices that are a hardship to millions...

BECAUSE more than 70 thousand Massachusetts seniors and people with disabilities have been abandoned by HMOs in 1999, leaving many without prescription coverage...

BECAUSE HMOs and insurance plans have reduced and capped prescription coverage...

WE ENDORSE legislation to protect consumers from marketplace medicine.

WE SUPPORT H.R. 664, an act to provide substantial reductions in the price of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries.

WE SUPPORT H.R. 1495, an act to provide coverage for outpatient prescription drugs under the Medicare program.

#### ARTICLE 5. Rescind Nigeria Bylaw (Select Board)

To see if the Town will rescind the Human Rights and Democracy in Nigeria Bylaw.

#### ARTICLE 6. Bylaw Amendment – Noise Bylaw (Select Board)

To see if the Town will add to Section 2 of the Town Noise Bylaw, Exemptions, the following paragraph: d). Noise caused by agricultural, farm-related, or forestry-related activities, including but not limited to the operation of farm equipment, sawmills, harvesting equipment, noises from farm animals, and the like.