



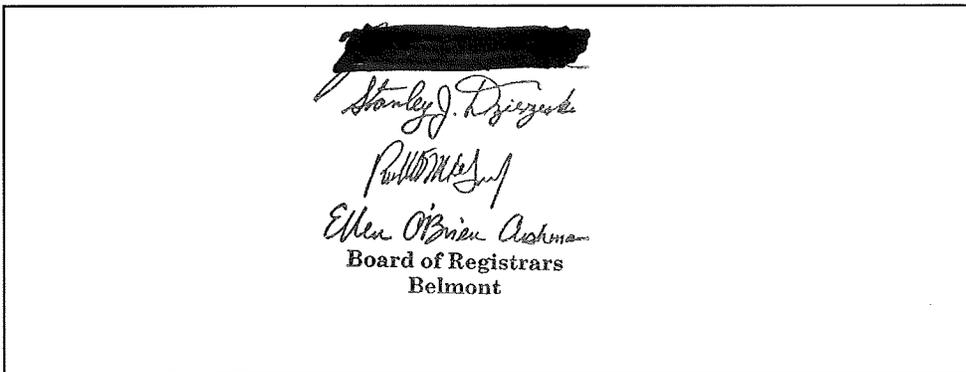
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## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

On this date, March 12, 2019,

We hereby certify Sixteen (16) signatures of registered Belmont voters have been certified on the Citizens' Petition submitted March 12, 2019 by Paul Roberts, Town Meeting Member for Precinct 8, to amend the General Bylaws. The title of the citizens' petition article is "Non-binding Resolution Supporting Right to Repair". The attached is the language of the petition/warrant article exactly as submitted:

At least three registrars' names must be signed or stamped below:



Board of Registrars of Voters, Town of Belmont, Massachusetts

Town Meeting Article by Citizens' Petition:

Non-binding resolution to read: §

**RESOLVED** by the Town Meeting, Town of Belmont, Massachusetts

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Town of Belmont are increasingly dependent on software-driven devices, from consumer goods like laptop computers and smartphones to household appliances;

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Town of Belmont want the products that manufacturers make and sell in Belmont to be long-lived and to keep working;

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Town of Belmont wish to be able to repair and maintain the objects they own themselves or to repair them via an agent such as a friend, acquaintance or independent repair professional;

**WHEREAS** small repair businesses are essential to the economy of Town of Belmont, providing services directly to neighbors, supporting a healthy, sustainable economy, and allowing a wide variety of important electronics to stay in working order;

**WHEREAS**, manufacturers may- and frequently do refuse to make available to owners and independent repair professionals the parts, tools, repair software, technical (“service”) manuals or software (“firmware”) access needed to fix those products;

**WHEREAS**, purchasers of goods should decide how and where the goods they own are fixed, and local businesses and individuals should be empowered to carry out those repairs;

**RESOLVED** that Town of Belmont:

**SUPPORTS** statewide protection and restoration of the “right to repair,” currently introduced in the Massachusetts House of Representatives as Bill H.218 and the Massachusetts Senate as Senate Bill 107.”

