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Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce Voices “No” Position on Four Ballot Questions

WORCESTER – The Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce announced today that it has officially adopted a position of “No” on the four questions that will appear on this November’s statewide ballot.

In taking these positions the Chamber joins several statewide coalitions of businesses and associations:

- The Committee for Safer Roads and Bridges – No on question 1 coalition
- No on 2, Stop Forced Deposits – No on question 2 coalition
- The Coalition to Protect Mass Jobs – No on question 3 coalition
- The Coalition to Protect Small Businesses, Taxpayers & Flexible Employee Benefits – No on question 4 coalition

“As a Chamber of Commerce it is our obligation to look out for the best interests of our members and the business community as a whole,” said Timothy P. Murray, President and CEO of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce. “The policies put forward in the ballot questions, while well intentioned, do not translate into positive public policies for the business community.”

“I would like to acknowledge and thank the Chamber’s Public Policy Committee and Executive Committee for their effort and time in consideration of these issues,” said Susan Mailman, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce. “These committees exercised due diligence and thoughtful debate before arriving at these decisions.”

General information on the ballot questions can be found on the Secretary of States’ website at:
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele14/pip14idx.htm>.

Additional information on the coalitions, including list of other groups that have endorsed their positions, can be found at:

- The Committee for Safer Roads and Bridges: <http://saferoadsbridges.com/>
- No on 2, Stop Forced Deposits: <http://comprehensiverecyclingworks.com/>
- The Coalition to Protect Mass Jobs: <http://www.protectmassjobs.com/>

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