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Dear Chamber of Commerce Members,

We, the students of Easthampton High School's AP U.S. History Class and our dedicated teacher Ms. Kelley Brown are writing to you to request your support on our quest for a national title.

You have been long time participants and leaders in our Easthampton community. While we realize that you must be asked to support many worthy causes, we hope that you will find merit in our request.

On Saturday, January 28th our class won the statewide competition ***We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*** that was held at the John F. Kennedy Institute at Harvard University. We competed against 7 talented finalist teams. As winners of the competition, we will represent Massachusetts at the 25th Anniversary We the People National Finals, held April 27- May 1, 2012 in Washington D.C.

As you might imagine, we are very excited and honored to be representing Massachusetts in our nation's capitol (especially as students from a small public school in the Pioneer Valley). The competition, which takes the form of a simulated congressional hearing, is conducted on the campus of George Mason University and in U.S. Senate hearing rooms. During the hearings, we will testify as constitutional experts before panels of judges acting as congressional committees and be tested on our knowledge, understanding, and ability to apply constitutional principles.

In past years, public schools received federal funding to participate. Last year that funding was cut. Public school students must now rely on private funding sources and great teachers like our Ms. Brown to participate in this valuable civics program.

In order for our team of 10 students to compete at this prestigious event we must raise \$1,200 per student—that's \$12,000 in total. Will you help us represent Massachusetts this April in Washington D.C.?

Any support you can provide will go a long way in helping us on our journey to becoming future community leaders.

**Donations may be addressed to Easthampton High School:
70 Williston Avenue, Easthampton, MA 01027 c/o Kelley Brown, We The People.**

Sincerely,

Taylor Dadmun, Tristan Koopman, Briana LaRose, Zachary Lewis, Bayleigh Murphy, Michael Palaschak, Thomas Palaschak, Willow Ross, Felicia Therrien, Olivia Torres, Mrs. Kelley Brown